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## **ASSEMBLY, No. 5696**

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## **219th LEGISLATURE**

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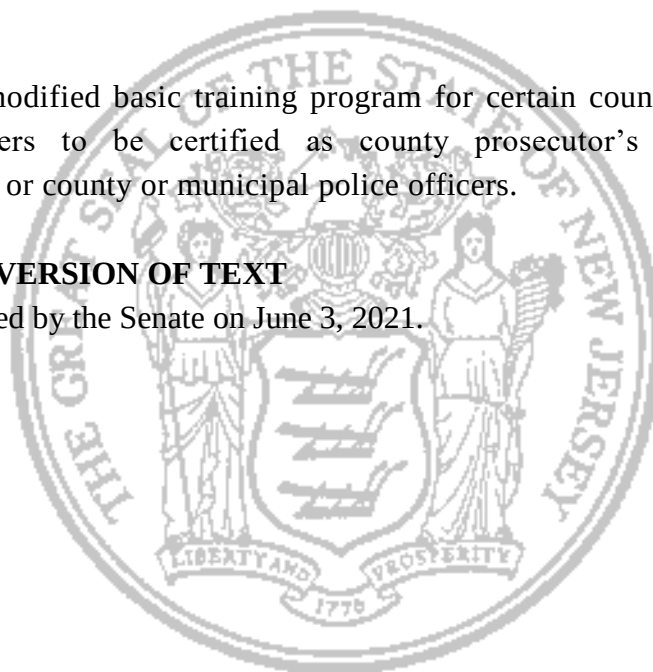
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### **SYNOPSIS**

Revises modified basic training program for certain county correctional police officers to be certified as county prosecutor's detectives or investigators or county or municipal police officers.

### **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As amended by the Senate on June 3, 2021.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/3/2021)**

1 AN ACT concerning the modified basic training program for county  
2 <sup>1</sup>**corrections** correctional police<sup>1</sup> officers and <sup>1</sup>**amending**  
3 P.L.2019, c.247 **supplementing Title 52 of the Revised**  
4 Statutes<sup>1</sup>.

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6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
7 of New Jersey:

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9 <sup>1</sup>**1.** Section 1 of P.L.2019, c.247 (C.52:17B-68.2) is amended  
10 to read as follows:

11 1. a. The Police Training Commission in the Division of  
12 Criminal Justice in the Department of Law and Public Safety shall  
13 develop a supplemental course to be known as the modified basic  
14 training program for county corrections officers. The program shall  
15 provide the additional training necessary to allow an eligible county  
16 corrections officer to be certified as a county sheriff's officer,  
17 detective or investigator in the county prosecutor's office, or county  
18 or municipal police officer. The Police Training Commission shall  
19 develop the program within 180 days of the effective date of [this  
20 act] P.L.2019, c.247 and shall revise the program within 30 days  
21 of the effective date of P.L. , c. (now pending before the  
22 Legislature as this bill).

23 b. A county corrections officer is eligible for the modified  
24 basic training program if the officer has:

25 (1) previously completed a basic training course administered  
26 by the Police Training Commission pursuant to P.L.1961, c.56  
27 (C.52:17B-66 et seq.);

28 (2) been designated by the county sheriff as eligible to transition  
29 into the position of sheriff's officer or by the chief executive officer  
30 of the county or municipality, as appropriate, as eligible to  
31 transition into the position of detective or investigator in the county  
32 prosecutor's office, or county or municipal police officer based on  
33 the officer's law enforcement examination test score and seniority;

34 (3) served in the county correction's officer title for a minimum  
35 of [36] 12 months in the facility under the jurisdiction of the county  
36 sheriff or the chief executive officer of the county, whichever is  
37 applicable; and

38 (4) a criminal history record background check of the officer has  
39 been conducted by the appointing authority and the officer has not  
40 been deemed ineligible to transition to the position of sheriff's  
41 officer, detective or investigator in the county prosecutor's office,  
42 or county or municipal police officer on the basis of any conviction  
43 disclosed by the background check.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly floor amendments adopted May 20, 2021.

<sup>2</sup>Senate floor amendments adopted June 3, 2021.

1 c. The modified basic training program shall, at a minimum,  
2 provide comprehensive and consistent training in law enforcement  
3 practices and concepts. Each course instructor shall be proficient  
4 and experienced in law enforcement practices and concepts.

5 d. The modified basic training program shall be offered at an  
6 academy approved by the Police Training Commission to provide  
7 police training courses pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1961, c.56  
8 (C.52:17B-66 et seq.).

9 e. The waiver rule set forth in N.J.A.C.13:1-8.4 authorizing the  
10 Police Training Commission to waive all or part of a basic training  
11 course shall apply to an eligible county corrections officer taking  
12 the modified basic training program developed pursuant to  
13 subsection a. of this section.

14 f. A county corrections officer who successfully completes the  
15 modified basic training program shall be eligible for a lateral  
16 transfer to the position of sheriff's officer, detective or investigator  
17 in the county prosecutor's office, or county or municipal police  
18 officer in [the] any county or municipality, as applicable, in [which  
19 the officer serves] the State. An officer eligible for a lateral transfer  
20 shall not be denied a transfer to an available position without cause.

21 g. The Civil Service Commission shall adopt rules and  
22 regulations pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"  
23 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), to implement the provisions  
24 of this section.

25 (cf: P.L.2019, c.247, s.1)]<sup>1</sup>

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27 <sup>1</sup>1. a. The Police Training Commission shall revise the  
28 modified basic training program for county correctional police  
29 officers established in section 1 of P.L.2019, c.247 (C.52:17B-68.2)  
30 to provide the additional training necessary for an eligible county  
31 correctional police officer to be certified as detective or investigator  
32 in the county prosecutor's office or a county or municipal police  
33 officer.

34 b. The commission shall complete the revisions to the modified  
35 basic training program no later than 60 days following the effective  
36 date of P.L. , c. (now pending before the Legislature as this  
37 bill).

38 c. A county correctional police officer is eligible for the  
39 revised modified basic training program established in subsection a.  
40 of this section if:

41 (1) the officer served in a county correctional facility that closed  
42 in calendar year 2021;

43 (2) the officer served in the county correctional police officer  
44 title for a minimum of 12 months in the facility under the  
45 jurisdiction of the county sheriff or the chief executive officer of the  
46 county, whichever is applicable;

1     (3) the officer previously completed a basic training course  
2     administered by the Police Training Commission pursuant to  
3     P.L.1961, c.56 (C.52:17B-66 et seq.);

4     (4) the officer has been designated by the county sheriff as  
5     eligible to transition into the position of sheriff's officer or by the  
6     chief executive officer of the county or municipality, as appropriate,  
7     as eligible to transition into the position of detective or investigator  
8     in the county prosecutor's office or county or municipal police  
9     officer <sup>2</sup>based on the officer's law enforcement examination test  
10    score and seniority <sup>2</sup>; and

11    (5) a criminal history record background check of the officer has  
12    been conducted by the appointing authority and the officer has not  
13    been deemed ineligible to transition to the position of detective or  
14    investigator in the county prosecutor's office or county or  
15    municipal police officer on the basis of any conviction disclosed by  
16    the background check.

17    d. The waiver rule set forth in N.J.A.C.13:1-8.4 authorizing the  
18    Police Training Commission to waive all or part of a basic training  
19    course shall apply to an eligible county correctional police officer  
20    taking the revised modified basic training pursuant to subsection a.  
21    of this section.

22    e. An eligible county correctional police officer who  
23    successfully completes the modified basic training established  
24    pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2019, c.247 (C.52:17B-68.2) shall be  
25    eligible for a <sup>2</sup>lateral <sup>2</sup>transfer to a position as sheriff's officer in  
26    any county in the State and an eligible officer who successfully  
27    completes the revised modified basic training established pursuant  
28    to subsection a. of this section shall be eligible for a <sup>2</sup>transfer or  
29    lateral <sup>2</sup>title change <sup>2</sup>or transfer <sup>2</sup>, as appropriate, to the position  
30    of detective or investigator in the county prosecutor's office or  
31    county or municipal police officer in any county or municipality, as  
32    applicable, in the State. An officer eligible for a <sup>2</sup>transfer or lateral <sup>2</sup>  
33    title change <sup>2</sup>or transfer <sup>2</sup>pursuant to the provisions of this section  
34    shall not be denied a <sup>2</sup>title change or <sup>2</sup>transfer <sup>2</sup>or title change <sup>2</sup>  
35    to an available position without good cause.

36    f. The Civil Service Commission may adopt rules and  
37    regulations pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"  
38    P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), to implement the provisions  
39    of this section. <sup>1</sup>

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41     2. This act shall take effect immediately.