

P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 107, *approved June 11, 2021*
Assembly, No. 5696 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning the modified basic training program for county
2 ¹**【corrections】** correctional police¹ officers and ¹**【amending**
3 P.L.2019, c.247**】** supplementing Title 52 of the Revised
4 Statutes¹.
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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 ¹**【**1. Section 1 of P.L.2019, c.247 (C.52:17B-68.2) is amended
10 to read as follows:
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12 1. a. The Police Training Commission in the Division of
13 Criminal Justice in the Department of Law and Public Safety shall
14 develop a supplemental course to be known as the modified basic
15 training program for county corrections officers. The program shall
16 provide the additional training necessary to allow an eligible county
17 corrections officer to be certified as a county sheriff's officer,
18 detective or investigator in the county prosecutor's office, or county
19 or municipal police officer. The Police Training Commission shall
20 develop the program within 180 days of the effective date of [this
21 act] P.L.2019, c.247 and shall revise the program within 30 days
22 of the effective date of P.L. , c. (now pending before the
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

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:

¹Assembly floor amendments adopted May 20, 2021.

²Senate floor amendments adopted June 3, 2021.

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

7 c. The modified basic training program shall, at a minimum,
8 provide comprehensive and consistent training in law enforcement
9 practices and concepts. Each course instructor shall be proficient
10 and experienced in law enforcement practices and concepts.

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

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

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

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

31 (cf: P.L.2019, c.247, s.1)】¹

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33 ¹1. a. The Police Training Commission shall revise the
34 modified basic training program for county correctional police
35 officers established in section 1 of P.L.2019, c.247 (C.52:17B-68.2)
36 to provide the additional training necessary for an eligible county
37 correctional police officer to be certified as detective or investigator
38 in the county prosecutor's office or a county or municipal police
39 officer.

40 b. The commission shall complete the revisions to the modified
41 basic training program no later than 60 days following the effective
42 date of P.L. _____, c. _____ (now pending before the Legislature as this
43 bill).

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

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

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

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

8 (4) the officer has been designated by the county sheriff as
9 eligible to transition into the position of sheriff's officer or by the
10 chief executive officer of the county or municipality, as appropriate,
11 as eligible to transition into the position of detective or investigator
12 in the county prosecutor's office or county or municipal police
13 officer ²[based on the officer's law enforcement examination test
14 score and seniority]²; and

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

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

26 e. An eligible county correctional police officer who
27 successfully completes the modified basic training established
28 pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2019, c.247 (C.52:17B-68.2) shall be
29 eligible for a ²[lateral]² transfer to a position as sheriff's officer in
30 any county in the State and an eligible officer who successfully
31 completes the revised modified basic training established pursuant
32 to subsection a. of this section shall be eligible for a ²transfer or
33 lateral² title change ²[or transfer]², as appropriate, to the position
34 of detective or investigator in the county prosecutor's office or
35 county or municipal police officer in any county or municipality, as
36 applicable, in the State. An officer eligible for a ²transfer or lateral²
37 title change ²[or transfer]² pursuant to the provisions of this section
38 shall not be denied a ²[title change or]² transfer ²or title change²
39 to an available position without good cause.

40 f. The Civil Service Commission may adopt rules and
41 regulations pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"
42 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), to implement the provisions
43 of this section.¹

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45 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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