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SYNOPSIS

Permits exemption from civil service examination requirement for entry-level county sheriff's officer and county correctional police officer.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the Senate on December 20, 2021.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/20/2021)

1 AN ACT concerning civil service examination requirement for
 2 entry-level county sheriff's officer and county correctional police
 3 officer position, and amending P.L.2021, c.7.

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

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 8 1. Section 1 of P.L.2021, c.7 (C.11A:4-1.3) is amended to read as
 9 follows:

10 1. a. The Civil Service Commission shall exempt from the
 11 requirement to take an examination for an entry-level law enforcement
 12 position, an entry-level county sheriff's officer position, or an entry-
 13 level county correctional police officer position a person who has
 14 successfully completed a full Basic Course for Police Officers training
 15 course ¹or a full Basic Course for Correction Officers training course¹
 16 at a school approved and authorized by the New Jersey Police Training
 17 commission.

18 b. The Civil Service Commission shall promulgate, pursuant to
 19 the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-
 20 1 et seq.), rules and regulations and establish administrative processes
 21 that are reasonable, necessary, and consistent with the provisions of
 22 this act.

23 c. A municipal or county police department or a county sheriff's
 24 department may hire a person~~[,]~~ exempt from the requirement to take
 25 an examination ~~for an entry-level law enforcement position~~ pursuant
 26 to subsection a. of this section, upon adoption of an ordinance or
 27 resolution by the governing body authorizing such hiring by the
 28 ~~police~~ department and the adoption of a conflict of interest and
 29 nepotism policy.

30 d. A county correctional facility may hire a person, exempt from
 31 the requirement to take an examination for an entry-level county
 32 correctional police officer position pursuant to subsection a. of this
 33 section, upon adoption of a resolution by the governing body
 34 authorizing such hiring by the correctional facility and the adoption of
 35 a conflict of interest and nepotism policy.

36 ²e. A sheriff's investigator in a sheriff's department shall be
 37 eligible for appointment in accordance with this section through
 38 transfer to a sheriff's officer position in that same department provided
 39 that:

40 (1) the investigator has completed at least one year in the position
 41 of sheriff's investigator in that sheriff's department or has served at
 42 least one year as a police officer or sheriff's officer in a municipal or
 43 county police or sheriff's department in this State; and

44 (2) the sheriff's investigator is not over 35 years of age at the time
 45 of initial appointment in accordance with this section to the sheriff's
 46 officer position.

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:

¹Senate SLP committee amendments adopted December 16, 2021.

²Senate floor amendments adopted December 20, 2021.

1 Beginning on January 1, 2023, a sheriff shall not appoint sheriff's
2 investigators in accordance with this section to more than 50 percent
3 of open sheriff's officer positions in any calendar year.²

4 (cf: P.L.2021, c.7, s.1)

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6 2. This act shall take effect six months following enactment,
7 except the Civil Service Commission may take any anticipatory
8 administrative action in advance as shall be necessary for the
9 implementation of this act.