

August 21, 1963

LEGISLATIVE NOTES ON R. S. 52:17B-66 et seq.

(Police Training)

Prior bills introduced:

- 1956 - S-178
- 1957 - S-178 (copy enclosed)
- 1958 - A-382 " "
- 1958 - S-36 " "
- 1959 - S-132 " "
- 1960 - S-141 " "

For earlier recommendations for police training legislation, see:

- 974.90 New Jersey Law Enforcement Council.
- P766 A Study and Survey of Municipal Police Departments
- 1958 of the State of New Jersey. (see especially p. 32-45)

- 974.90 New Jersey. Legislature. Assembly.
- L514 Legislative forum (re: legislative proposals for
- 1959a 1960 session of the New Jersey Legislature) p. 19A

Laws 1961, Chapter 56 - S-89 - Introduced February 6, 1961 by Sen. Ridolfi (& others)

(copy of original bill, with statement, and Senate amendment, enclosed)

There are numerous newspaper articles on these bills. (V. F. -- M. J. -- Police)

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L. 1965, Chapter 8 - A104

Introduced January 18 by Assemblyman Maraziti (and others).
(copy enclosed).

No statement on bill.

Newspaper articles on these bills in V.F. -- M.J. -- Police

L. 1967 - Chap 252

No statement

Amended during passage

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Amend page 1, section 1, line 9, omit "a".

Amend page 1, section 1, line 10, omit "compulsory", insert "an".

Amend page 1, section 1, line 11, after "be", insert "able".

Amend page 1, section 1, line 12, omit "required".

Amend page 2, section 3, line 1, omit "No", insert "Any municipality may authorize attendance at an approved school by persons holding a probationary or temporary appointment as a police officer, and any municipality may require that no".

Amend page 3, section 6, line 3, omit "required", insert "authorized".

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

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