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Senate, No. 2731

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**S2731**

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# SENATE, No. 2731

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 214th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 17, 2011

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator JOHN A. GIRGENTI**

**District 35 (Bergen and Passaic)**

**Senator NICHOLAS J. SACCO**

**District 32 (Bergen and Hudson)**

**Assemblyman JON M. BRAMNICK**

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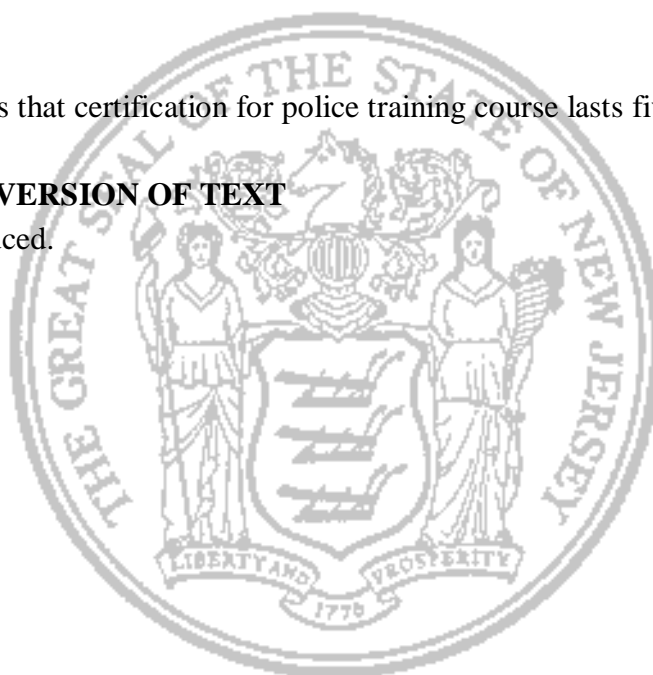
**Senator Bateman, Assemblywoman McHose and Assemblyman Fuentes**

**SYNOPSIS**

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/16/2011)**

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# SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### SENATE, No. 2731

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 3, 2011

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2731.

This bill establishes that certain laid-off police officers would not be required to retake the basic police training course if they are employed within five years from the date of being laid off.

Under Police Training Commission policy, a police officer who has a break in service of more than three years must retake the basic training course. Under the bill, police officers appointed to a similar law enforcement position in another agency or reemployed by the agency from which they were terminated would not be required to retake the basic police training course if the date of termination was within five years from the new appointment.

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# ASSEMBLY LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **SENATE, No. 2731**

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 8, 2011

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As reported, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3876, also reported by the committee on the same date.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 3876

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 214th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 7, 2011

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**District 21 (Essex, Morris, Somerset and Union)**  
**Assemblywoman CONNIE WAGNER**  
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**Assemblyman CRAIG J. COUGHLIN**  
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