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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

(Police Training Schools -- Instruction in high speed chases)

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LAWS OF 1979

CHAPTER 102

Bill No. S900

Sponsor(s) Herbert

Date Introduced February 27, 1978

Committee: Assembly Judiciary, Law, Public Safety & Defense

Senate County & Municipal Government

Amended during passage

Yes

XXo Amendments during passage denoted by asterisks.

Date of Passage: Assembly January 25, 1979

Senate May 22, 1978

Date of approval May 29, 1979

Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement

Yes

XX (Below)

Committee Statement: Assembly

Yes

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Senate

Yes

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Fiscal Note

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No

Veto message

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No

Message on signing

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No

Following were printed:

Reports

XXX

No

Hearings

XXX

No

Sponsor's statement:

This bill directs the Police Training Commission to require schools approved to train police officers to instruct those officers in the positive and negative aspects of high speed chases. These chases, often present more of a hazard to public safety than their successful completion would remove.

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Also attached: S187 (1978) -- mentioned in Senate Committee Statement

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SENATE, No. 900

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 27, 1978

By Senator HERBERT

Referred to Committee on County and Municipal Government

AN ACT to amend "An act relating to training of policemen prior to permanent appointment; appointments in certain municipal and county law enforcement agencies; establishing a police training commission; and providing an appropriation therefor," approved June 3, 1961 (P. L. 1961, c. 56).

1 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
2 of New Jersey:

1 1. Section 6 of P. L. 1961, c. 56 (C. 52:17B-71) is amended to  
2 read as follows:

3 6. The commission is vested with the power, responsibility and  
4 duty:

5 a. To prescribe standards for the approval and continuation of  
6 approval of schools at which police training courses authorized  
7 by this act and in-service police training course shall be conducted,  
8-9 including but not limited to present existing regional, county,  
10 municipal and police chiefs association police training schools;

11 b. To approve and issue certificates of approval to such schools,  
12 to inspect such schools from time to time, and to revoke any  
13 approval or certificate issued to such school;

14 c. To prescribe the curriculum, the minimum courses of study,  
15 attendance requirements, equipment and facilities, and standards  
16 of operation for such schools, and **\*[may]\*** **\*\*\*[to]\*\*\***  
17 **\*\*\*may\*\*\*** prescribe psychological and psychiatric examinations  
17A for police recruits while in such schools;

18 d. To prescribe minimum qualifications for instructors at such  
19 schools and to certify, as qualified, instructors for approved police  
20 training schools and to issue appropriate certificates to such  
21 instructors;

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

21 e. To certify police officers who have satisfactorily completed  
22 training programs and to issue appropriate certificates to such  
23 police officers;

24 f. To appoint an executive secretary, to serve at its pleasure,  
25 who shall perform general administrative functions, and to fix his  
26 compensation;

27 g. To employ such other persons as may be necessary to carry  
28 out the provisions of this act, and to fix their compensation;

29 h. To make such rules and regulations as may be reasonably  
30 necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purposes and objectives  
31 of this act;

32 i. To make a continuous study of police training methods and  
33 to consult and accept the cooperation of any recognized Federal or  
34 State law enforcement agency or educational institution;

35 j. To consult and cooperate with universities, colleges and in-  
36 stitutes in the State for the development of specialized courses of  
37 study for police officers in police science and police administration;

38 k. To consult and cooperate with other departments and agencies  
39 of the State concerned with police training;

40 l. To participate in unified programs and projects relating to  
41 police training sponsored by any Federal, State, or other public or  
42 private agency;

43 m. To perform such other acts as may be necessary or appro-  
44 priate to carry out its functions and duties as set forth in this act;

45 n. To extend the time limit for satisfactory completion of police  
46 training programs upon a finding that health, extraordinary work-  
47 load or other factors have, singly or in combination, effected a delay  
48 in the satisfactory completion of such training programs;

49 o. *To promulgate rules and regulations establishing minimum*  
50 *standards relating to physical, mental and moral fitness which shall*  
51 *govern the appointment of policemen in any municipality and*  
52 *county not operating pursuant to the provisions of subtitle 3 of*  
53 *Title 11 of the Revised Statutes.*

1 2. A sum of \$40,000.00 is hereby appropriated from the General  
2 State Fund for the administration of this act.

1 3. This act shall take effect 90 days after enactment.

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SENATE, No. 187

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1978 SESSION

By Senators ORECHIO, J. RUSSO and SCARDINO

AN ACT to amend "An act relating to training of policemen prior to permanent appointment; appointments in certain municipal and county law enforcement agencies; establishing a police training commission; and providing an appropriation therefor," approved June 3, 1961 (P. L. 1961, c. 56), and making an appropriation.

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2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. Section 6 of P. L. 1961, c. 56 (C. 52:17B-71) is amended to  
2 read as follows:

3 6. The commission is vested with the power, responsibility and  
4 duty:

5 a. To prescribe standards for the approval and continuation of  
6 approval of schools at which police training courses authorized  
7 by this act and in-service police training course shall be conducted,  
8 including but not limited to present existing regional, county,  
9 municipal and police chiefs association police training schools;

10 b. To approve and issue certificates of approval to such schools,  
11 to inspect such schools from time to time, and to revoke any  
12 approval or certificate issued to such school;

13 c. To prescribe the curriculum, the minimum courses of study,  
14 attendance requirements, equipment and facilities, and standards  
15 of operation for such schools, and **\*[may]\*** *\*to\** prescribe psy-  
16 chological and psychiatric examinations for police recruits while in  
16a such schools;

17 d. To prescribe minimum qualifications for instructors at such  
18 schools and to certify, as qualified, instructors for approved police  
19 training schools and to issue appropriate certificates to such  
20 instructors;

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

22 e. To certify police officers who have satisfactorily completed  
23 training programs and to issue appropriate certificates to such  
24 police officers;

25 f. To appoint an executive secretary, to serve at its pleasure,  
26 who shall perform general administrative functions, and to fix his  
27 compensation;

28 g. To employ such other persons as may be necessary to carry  
29 out the provisions of this act, and to fix their compensation;

30 h. To make such rules and regulations as may be reasonably  
31 necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purposes and objec-  
32 tives of this act;

33 i. To make a continuous study of police training methods and  
34 to consult and accept the cooperation of any recognized Federal  
35 or State law enforcement agency or educational institution;

36 j. To consult and cooperate with universities, colleges and in-  
37 stitutes in the State for the development of specialized courses of  
38 study for police officers in police science and police administration;

39 k. To consult and cooperate with other departments and agencies  
40 of the State concerned with police training;

41 l. To participate in unified programs and projects relating to  
42 police training sponsored by any Federal, State, or other public  
43 or private agency;

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47 training programs upon a finding that health, extraordinary work-  
48 load or other factors have, singly or in combination, effected a delay  
49 in the satisfactory completion of such training programs;

50 *\*\*[o. To promulgate rules and regulations establishing mini-  
51 mum standards relating to physical, mental and moral fitness which  
52 shall govern the appointment of policemen in any municipality and  
53 county not operating pursuant to the provisions of subtitle 3 of  
54 Title 11 of the Revised Statutes.]\*\**

55 *\*[o. To require approved schools to provide police officers  
56 with]\*\* \*\* [p.]\*\* \*\*o.\*\* To furnish approved schools, for inclusion  
57 in their regular police training courses and curriculum with\* in-  
58 formation concerning the advisability of high speed chases, the risk  
59 caused thereby, and the benefits resulting therefrom.*

1 2. The act shall take effect immediately.

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ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY, LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
DEFENSE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
**SENATE, No. 900**

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with committee amendments

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
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DATED: DECEMBER 11, 1978

Senate Bill No. 900 requires the Police Training Commission to furnish information on the positive and negative aspects of high speed chases to approved police training schools. The committee feels this is a significant problem, in view of a study by Physicians for Automotive Safety shows that one out of five high speed pursuits end in deaths, and five out of ten pursuits result in serious injury.

The committee amendment deleted the amendment of the Senate County and Municipal Government Committee which gave the Police Training Commission power to promulgate rules and regulations establishing minimum standards for the physical, mental and moral fitness of policemen. The Attorney General is presently reviewing existing standards, and the committee felt that any action in this respect should be deferred until a report is issued by the Department of Law and Public Safety.

SENATE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL  
GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
**SENATE, No. 900**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
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DATED: MAY 11, 1978

Senate Bill No. 900, as received by the committee, would vest the Police Training Commission with the power, responsibility and duty of requiring approved police training schools to provide police officers with information concerning the positive and negative aspects of high speed chases.

The committee amendments would require the commission to furnish such information to such approved schools for inclusion in the regular police training courses and curriculum. The purpose of the amendments is to assure some uniformity in the information provided by the various approved schools in this regard, to integrate this information into the regular courses taken by police recruits, and to remove any implication that such schools would be required to furnish such information to police officers who are not taking police training courses.

In addition, the committee amended the bill to incorporate the provisions of Senate Bill No. 187, previously released by the committee, in order to avoid any inadvertent repeal of such provisions if this bill should become law after that bill.