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P.L. 2019, CHAPTER 247, *approved August 23, 2019*
Senate, No. 785 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning county corrections officers and supplementing
2 Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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

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7 1. a. The Police Training Commission in the Division of
8 Criminal Justice in the Department of Law and Public Safety shall
9 develop ²**[an accelerated]** a supplemental² course to be known as
10 the modified basic training program for county corrections officers.
11 The program shall provide the additional training necessary to allow
12 an eligible county corrections officer to be certified as a county
13 sheriff's officer. The Police Training Commission shall develop the
14 program within 180 days of the effective date of this act.

15 b. A county corrections officer is eligible for the modified
16 basic training program if the officer has:

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

20 (2) been ²**[certified]** designated² by the county sheriff ²as
21 eligible² to transition into the position of sheriff's officer based on
22 the officer's ²**[civil service]** law enforcement examination² test
23 score² and seniority; ²**[and]**²

24 (3) served in the county correction's officer title for a minimum
25 of 36 months in the facility under the jurisdiction of the county
26 sheriff ²; and

27 (4) a criminal history record background check of the officer has
28 been conducted by the appointing authority and the officer has not
29 been deemed ineligible to transition to the position of sheriff's
30 officer on the basis of any conviction disclosed by the background
31 check².

32 c. The modified basic training program shall, at a minimum,
33 provide comprehensive and consistent training in law enforcement
34 practices and concepts. Each course instructor shall be proficient
35 and experienced in law enforcement practices and concepts.

36 d. The modified basic training program shall be offered at an
37 academy approved by the Police Training Commission to provide

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 AAP committee amendments adopted June 13, 2019.

²Assembly floor amendments adopted June 20, 2019.

1 police training courses pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1961,
2 c.56 (C.52:17B-66 et seq.).

3 e. The waiver rule set forth in N.J.A.C.13:1-8.4 authorizing the
4 Police Training Commission to waive all or part of a basic training
5 course shall apply to an eligible ¹~~sheriff's officers~~ county
6 corrections officer¹ taking the modified basic training program
7 ²developed pursuant to subsection a. of this section² .

8 f. A county corrections officer who successfully completes the
9 modified basic training program shall be eligible for ²~~permanent~~
10 ~~appointment to the position of~~ a lateral transfer to the position of²
11 ~~sheriff's officer in the county in which the officer serves.~~ ²An
12 officer eligible for a lateral transfer shall not be denied a transfer to
13 an available position without cause.²

14 g. The Civil Service Commission shall ²~~develop~~ a written
15 examination entitled the "Promotional Examination for County
16 Corrections Officers to Transfer to the Title of Sheriff's Officer."
17 The content of this examination shall be equivalent to the content of
18 the entry level law enforcement examination.

19 h. The Civil Service Commission and Police Training
20 Commission shall ² adopt rules and regulations pursuant to the
21 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-
22 1 et seq.), to implement the provisions of this section.

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24 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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30 Requires Police Training Commission to develop supplemental
training course for certain county corrections officers.

SENATE, No. 785

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2018 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Senator PAUL A. SARLO

District 36 (Bergen and Passaic)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senators Stack, Beach and Gordon

SYNOPSIS

Requires Police Training Commission to develop accelerated training course for certain county corrections officers.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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21 position of sheriff's officer based on the officer's civil service test
22 and seniority; and

23 (3) served in the county correction's officer title for a minimum
24 of 36 months in the facility under the jurisdiction of the county
25 sheriff.

26 c. The modified basic training program shall, at a minimum,
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28 practices and concepts. Each course instructor shall be proficient
29 and experienced in law enforcement practices and concepts.

30 d. The modified basic training program shall be offered at an
31 academy approved by the Police Training Commission to provide
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33 c.56 (C.52:17B-66 et seq.).

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STATEMENT

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10 This bill establishes a modified law enforcement basic training
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13 Currently, a candidate for a position as a county corrections
14 officer is required to successfully complete an 18-week basic
15 training course. A county corrections officer transitioning into a
16 position as a county sheriff's officer is required to complete an
17 additional 26-week training course. This bill allows certain county
18 corrections officers to utilize their prior training in conjunction with
19 the modified basic training program established in the bill to
20 accelerate the process of transitioning into a county sheriff's officer
21 position.

22 The bill requires the Police Training Commission (PTC) to
23 develop this modified basic training program, which is to provide
24 comprehensive and consistent training in law enforcement practices
25 and concepts. The bill also requires that course instructors be
26 proficient and experienced in law enforcement practices and
27 concepts, and that the program be offered at approved academies.

28 The bill provides that a county corrections officer is eligible for
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32 based on the officer's civil service test and seniority; and has served
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35 corrections officer who successfully completes the modified basic
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37 sheriff's officer.

38 The bill also requires the Civil Service Commission to develop a
39 written examination entitled the "Promotional Examination for
40 County Corrections Officers to Transfer to the Title of Sheriff's
41 Officer," the content of which is to be equivalent to the content of
42 the entry level law enforcement examination.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 785

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 13, 2019

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 785, with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill establishes a modified law enforcement basic training program to allow county corrections officers to transition into the position of county sheriff's officer.

Currently, a candidate for a position as a county corrections officer is required to successfully complete an 18-week basic training course. A county corrections officer transitioning into a position as a county sheriff's officer is required to complete an additional 26-week training course. This bill allows certain county corrections officers to utilize their prior training in conjunction with the modified basic training program established in the bill to accelerate the process of transitioning into a county sheriff's officer position.

The bill requires the Police Training Commission (PTC) to develop the modified basic training program, which is to provide comprehensive and consistent training in law enforcement practices and concepts. The bill requires that course instructors be proficient and experienced in law enforcement practices and concepts, and that the program be offered at approved academies.

The bill provides that a county corrections officer is eligible for the modified basic training program if the officer has previously completed a PTC basic training course; has been certified by the county sheriff to transition into the position of sheriff's officer based on the officer's civil service test and seniority; and has served in the county correction's officer title for 36 months in the facility under the jurisdiction of the county sheriff. Under the bill, a county corrections officer who successfully completes the modified basic training program is eligible for the permanent position of county sheriff's officer.

The bill also requires the Civil Service Commission to develop a written examination entitled the "Promotional Examination for County Corrections Officers to Transfer to the Title of Sheriff's Officer," the content of which is to be equivalent to the content of the entry level law enforcement examination.

As amended and reported, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3848, as also reported by the committee.

COMMITTEE AMENEDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to make a correction to subsection e. so that the waiver allowed by that subsection would apply to county corrections officers.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) projects that the bill may increase the annual State expenditures of the Police Training Commission (PTC) and the Civil Service Commission. Any increase would likely be marginal and result from the development and periodic updating of a course curriculum and examination for the new accelerated basic training program for certain county corrections officers seeking a county sheriff's officer certification.

Absent information on the parameters of implementation, the OLS cannot determine the direction of the bill's recurring fiscal impact on counties but expects the magnitude of any county impact to be marginal. The direction and magnitude of any county impact will depend on the extent to which the bill will alter the operating expenses of county-run police academies that will offer the accelerated basic training program for certain county corrections officers seeking a county sheriff's officer certification.

SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 785

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 25, 2018

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 785.

As reported by the committee, this bill establishes a modified law enforcement basic training program to allow county corrections officers to transition into the position of county sheriff's officer.

Currently, a candidate for a position as a county corrections officer is required to successfully complete an 18-week basic training course. A county corrections officer transitioning into a position as a county sheriff's officer is required to complete an additional 26-week training course. This bill allows certain county corrections officers to utilize their prior training in conjunction with the modified basic training program established in the bill to accelerate the process of transitioning into a county sheriff's officer position.

The bill requires the Police Training Commission (PTC) to develop this modified basic training program, which is to provide comprehensive and consistent training in law enforcement practices and concepts. The bill also requires that course instructors be proficient and experienced in law enforcement practices and concepts, and that the program be offered at approved academies.

The bill provides that a county corrections officer is eligible for the modified basic training program if the officer has previously completed a PTC basic training course; has been certified by the county sheriff to transition into the position of sheriff's officer based on the officer's civil service test and seniority; and has served in the county correction's officer title for 36 months in the facility under the jurisdiction of the county sheriff. Under the bill, a county corrections officer who successfully completes the modified basic training program is eligible for the permanent position of county sheriff's officer.

The bill also requires the Civil Service Commission to develop a written examination entitled the "Promotional Examination for County Corrections Officers to Transfer to the Title of Sheriff's Officer," the content of which is to be equivalent to the content of the entry level law enforcement examination.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2018-2019 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 785

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 5, 2018

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 785.

This bill establishes a modified law enforcement basic training program to allow county corrections officers to transition into the position of county sheriff's officer.

Currently, a candidate for a position as a county corrections officer is required to successfully complete an 18-week basic training course. A county corrections officer transitioning into a position as a county sheriff's officer is required to complete an additional 26-week training course. This bill allows certain county corrections officers to utilize their prior training in conjunction with the modified basic training program established in the bill to accelerate the process of transitioning into a county sheriff's officer position.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) projects that the bill may increase the annual State expenditures of the Police Training Commission (PTC) and the Civil Service Commission. Any increase would likely be marginal and result from the development and periodic updating of a course curriculum and examination for the new accelerated basic training program for certain county corrections officers seeking a county sheriff's officer certification.

Absent information on the parameters of implementation, the OLS cannot determine the direction of the bill's recurring fiscal impact on counties but expects the magnitude of any county impact to be marginal. The direction and magnitude of any county impact will depend on the extent to which the bill will alter the operating expenses of county-run police academies that will offer the accelerated basic training program for certain county corrections officers seeking a county sheriff's officer certification.

STATEMENT TO
[First Reprint]
SENATE, No. 785

with Assembly Floor Amendments
(Proposed by Assemblyman CALABRESE)

ADOPTED: JUNE 20, 2019

This bill establishes a modified law enforcement basic training program to allow county corrections officers to transition into the position of county sheriff's officer.

These Assembly amendments provide that an officer's eligibility for transfer is to be based on the officer's law enforcement examination score, rather than a test developed by the Civil Service Commission. In addition, the amendments require a county corrections officer to submit a criminal history record background check to be performed by the appointing authority to determine that the officer is not disqualified based on a conviction disclosed by the background check.

The amendments also clarify that a county corrections officer who successfully completes the training program is eligible for a lateral transfer to a sheriff's officer position and cannot be denied the transfer other than for cause. Other clarifying and technical amendments also were made.

These amendments make this bill identical to Assembly Bill No. 3848, also amended on this same date.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
SENATE, No. 785
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
218th LEGISLATURE

DATED: MARCH 5, 2018

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Requires Police Training Commission to develop accelerated training course for certain county corrections officers.

Type of Impact: Potential recurring State General Fund expenditure increase and county expenditure impact.

Agencies Affected: Police Training Commission in Department of Law and Public Safety. New Jersey Civil Service Commission. County Governments.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
Potential State Cost Increase	Indeterminate – See comments below		
Potential County Cost Impact	Indeterminate – See comments below		

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) projects that the bill may increase the annual State expenditures of the Police Training Commission (PTC) and the Civil Service Commission. Any increase would likely be marginal and result from the development and periodic updating of a course curriculum and examination for the new accelerated basic training program for certain county corrections officers seeking a county sheriff's officer certification.
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BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill accelerates the process by which certain county corrections officers become certified as county sheriff's officers.

Specifically, the bill requires the PTC in the Department of Law and Public Safety to develop an accelerated law enforcement basic training course to be known as the "modified basic training

program for county corrections officers,” and the Civil Service Commission to develop a written examination therefor. PTC-approved police academies provide the training.

A county corrections officer is eligible for the modified basic training program if the officer has previously completed a PTC basic training course; has been certified by the county sheriff to transition into the position of sheriff’s officer based on the officer’s civil service test and seniority; and has served in the county correction’s officer title for 36 months in the facility under the jurisdiction of the county sheriff.

Currently, a candidate for a position as a county corrections officer must successfully complete an 18-week basic training course. A county corrections officer transitioning into a position as a county sheriff’s officer must complete an additional 26-week training course.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS projects that the bill may increase the annual State expenditures of the PTC and the Civil Service Commission. Any increase would likely be marginal and result from the development and periodic updating of a course curriculum and examination for the new accelerated basic training program for certain county corrections officers seeking a county sheriff’s officer certification.

Absent information on the parameters of implementation, the OLS cannot determine the direction of the bill’s recurring fiscal impact on counties but expects the magnitude of any county impact to be marginal. The direction and magnitude of any county impact will depend on the extent to which the bill will alter the operating expenses of county-run police academies that will offer the accelerated basic training program for certain county corrections officers seeking a county sheriff’s officer certification.

Curriculum Development: The OLS expects the development and periodic updating of a course curriculum and examination for the new accelerated basic training program for certain county corrections officers seeking a county sheriff’s officer certification to increase the workload of the PTC and the Civil Service Commission. The OLS anticipates the additional workload to be marginal, given that the accelerated curriculum will likely be composed of elements of the curriculum for the existing basic training course for county sheriff’s officers. The written examination, in turn, may also not differ significantly from the existing county sheriff’s officers examination. It is unclear, however, whether the additional workload will increase administrative expenses or whether the PTC and the Civil Service Commission will absorb the additional workload within their existing resources.

Curriculum Implementation: Police academies, of which most are operated by county entities, provide PTC-approved basic law enforcement training for a fee. Counties pay the fee for county corrections officers’ enrollment in county sheriff’s officer training programs. Therefore, any change in police academy expenditures attributable to the bill will accrue to the counties.

It is unclear whether the introduction of the new accelerated basic training course for certain county corrections officers will decrease, increase or not affect the operating cost of police

academies. As enrollees must take fewer classes in the new accelerated program than in the standard program, the police academies may offer fewer class sessions in total, potentially resulting in cost savings. But it is also conceivable that the new accelerated curriculum may cause police academies to schedule additional classes especially for accelerated program enrollees without a corresponding reduction in the number of classes taught for the standard training program, potentially resulting in higher police academy expenses.

Background on PTC: The PTC supervises the administration of basic police training programs. As part of that task, the commission is responsible for the development, periodic review and revision, and certification of basic training courses for county and local police, sheriff's officers, state and county investigators, state and county corrections officers, juvenile detention officers, and a number of other law enforcement positions, as well as several instructor development courses. According to evaluation data in the FY 2018 Governor's Budget Recommendation, in FY 2016, the PTC supervised 150 training programs and certified 3,600 trainees. The length of basic training varies. Currently, a county corrections officer training course takes about 18 weeks of basic training and a county sheriff's officer course takes about 26 weeks of basic training.

Section: Law and Public Safety

Analyst: Kristin Brunner Santos
Senior Fiscal Analyst

Approved: Frank W. Haines III
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 785

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JUNE 20, 2019

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Requires Police Training Commission to develop accelerated training course for certain county corrections officers.
- Type of Impact:** Annual State expenditure increase; General Fund.
Potential county cost impact.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Law and Public Safety; New Jersey Civil Service Commission; county governments.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
State Cost Increase		Indeterminate	
Potential County Cost Impact		Indeterminate	

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BILL DESCRIPTION

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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Section: Law and Public Safety

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Approved: Frank W. Haines III
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer

This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

ASSEMBLY, No. 3848

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED APRIL 12, 2018

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman JOSEPH A. LAGANA

District 38 (Bergen and Passaic)

Assemblyman CLINTON CALABRESE

District 36 (Bergen and Passaic)

Assemblyman RAJ MUKHERJI

District 33 (Hudson)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman Pinkin

SYNOPSIS

Requires Police Training Commission to develop accelerated training course for certain county corrections officers.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/21/2019)

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18 the modified basic training program established in the bill to
19 accelerate the process of transitioning into a county sheriff's officer
20 position.

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22 develop the modified basic training program, which is to provide
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24 and concepts. The bill requires that course instructors be proficient
25 and experienced in law enforcement practices and concepts, and
26 that the program be offered at approved academies.

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29 completed a PTC basic training course; has been certified by the
30 county sheriff to transition into the position of sheriff's officer
31 based on the officer's civil service test and seniority; and has served
32 in the county correction's officer title for 36 months in the facility
33 under the jurisdiction of the county sheriff. Under the bill, a county
34 corrections officer who successfully completes the modified basic
35 training program is eligible for the permanent position of county
36 sheriff's officer.

37 The bill also requires the Civil Service Commission to develop a
38 written examination entitled the "Promotional Examination for
39 County Corrections Officers to Transfer to the Title of Sheriff's
40 Officer," the content of which is to be equivalent to the content of
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ASSEMBLY LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3848

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 7, 2019

The Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3848.

As reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 3848 establishes a modified law enforcement basic training program to allow county corrections officers to transition into the position of county sheriff's officer.

Currently, a candidate for a position as a county corrections officer is required to successfully complete an 18-week basic training course. A county corrections officer transitioning into a position as a county sheriff's officer is required to complete an additional 26-week training course. This bill allows certain county corrections officers to utilize their prior training in conjunction with the modified basic training program established in the bill to accelerate the process of transitioning into a county sheriff's officer position.

The bill requires the Police Training Commission (PTC) to develop the modified basic training program, which is to provide comprehensive and consistent training in law enforcement practices and concepts. The bill requires that course instructors be proficient and experienced in law enforcement practices and concepts, and that the program be offered at approved academies.

The bill provides that a county corrections officer is eligible for the modified basic training program if the officer has previously completed a PTC basic training course; has been certified by the county sheriff to transition into the position of sheriff's officer based on the officer's civil service test and seniority; and has served in the county correction's officer title for 36 months in the facility under the jurisdiction of the county sheriff. Under the bill, a county corrections officer who successfully completes the modified basic training program is eligible for the permanent position of county sheriff's officer.

The bill also requires the Civil Service Commission to develop a written examination entitled the "Promotional Examination for County Corrections Officers to Transfer to the Title of Sheriff's Officer," the content of which is to be equivalent to the content of the entry level law enforcement examination.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3848

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 13, 2019

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3848.

This bill establishes a modified law enforcement basic training program to allow county corrections officers to transition into the position of county sheriff's officer.

Currently, a candidate for a position as a county corrections officer is required to successfully complete an 18-week basic training course. A county corrections officer transitioning into a position as a county sheriff's officer is required to complete an additional 26-week training course. This bill allows certain county corrections officers to utilize their prior training in conjunction with the modified basic training program established in the bill to accelerate the process of transitioning into a county sheriff's officer position.

The bill requires the Police Training Commission (PTC) to develop the modified basic training program, which is to provide comprehensive and consistent training in law enforcement practices and concepts. The bill requires that course instructors be proficient and experienced in law enforcement practices and concepts, and that the program be offered at approved academies.

The bill provides that a county corrections officer is eligible for the modified basic training program if the officer has previously completed a PTC basic training course; has been certified by the county sheriff to transition into the position of sheriff's officer based on the officer's civil service test and seniority; and has served in the county correction's officer title for 36 months in the facility under the jurisdiction of the county sheriff. Under the bill, a county corrections officer who successfully completes the modified basic training program is eligible for the permanent position of county sheriff's officer.

The bill also requires the Civil Service Commission to develop a written examination entitled the "Promotional Examination for County Corrections Officers to Transfer to the Title of Sheriff's Officer," the content of which is to be equivalent to the content of the entry level law enforcement examination.

As reported, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 785, as amended and reported by the committee.

FISCAL NOTE:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) projects that the bill may increase the annual State expenditures of the Police Training Commission (PTC) and the Civil Service Commission by an indeterminate amount. Any increase would likely be marginal and result from the development and periodic updating of a course curriculum and examination for the new accelerated basic training program for certain county corrections officers seeking a county sheriff's officer certification.

Absent information on the parameters of implementation, the OLS cannot determine the direction of the bill's recurring fiscal impact on counties but expects the magnitude of any county impact to be marginal. The direction and magnitude of any county impact will depend on the extent to which the bill will alter the operating expenses of county-run police academies that will offer the accelerated basic training program.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
ASSEMBLY, No. 3848
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
218th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JUNE 12, 2019

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Requires Police Training Commission to develop accelerated training course for certain county corrections officers.

Type of Impact: Annual State expenditure increase; General Fund.
Potential county cost impact.

Agencies Affected: Department of Law and Public Safety; New Jersey Civil Service Commission; county governments.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
State Cost Increase		Indeterminate	
Potential County Cost Impact		Indeterminate	

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) projects that the bill may increase the annual State expenditures of the Police Training Commission (PTC) and the Civil Service Commission by an indeterminate amount. Any increase would likely be marginal and result from the development and periodic updating of a course curriculum and examination for the new accelerated basic training program for certain county corrections officers seeking a county sheriff's officer certification.
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BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill accelerates the process by which certain county corrections officers become certified as county sheriff's officers.

Specifically, the bill requires the PTC in the Department of Law and Public Safety to develop an accelerated law enforcement basic training course to be known as the "modified basic training

program for county corrections officers,” and the Civil Service Commission to develop a written examination therefor. PTC-approved police academies provide the training.

A county corrections officer is eligible for the modified basic training program if the officer has previously completed a PTC basic training course; has been certified by the county sheriff to transition into the position of sheriff’s officer based on the officer’s civil service test and seniority; and has served in the county correction’s officer title for 36 months in the facility under the jurisdiction of the county sheriff.

Currently, a candidate for a position as a county corrections officer must successfully complete an 18-week basic training course. A county corrections officer transitioning into a position as a county sheriff’s officer must complete an additional 26-week training course.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS projects that the bill may increase the annual State expenditures of the PTC and the Civil Service Commission by an indeterminate amount. Any increase would likely be marginal and result from the development and periodic updating of a course curriculum and examination for the new accelerated basic training program for certain county corrections officers seeking a county sheriff’s officer certification.

Absent information on the parameters of implementation, the OLS cannot determine the direction of the bill’s recurring fiscal impact on counties but expects the magnitude of any county impact to be marginal. The direction and magnitude of any county impact will depend on the extent to which the bill will alter the operating expenses of county-run police academies that will offer the accelerated basic training program.

Curriculum Development: The OLS expects the development and periodic updating of a course curriculum and examination for the new accelerated basic training program for certain county corrections officers seeking a county sheriff’s officer certification to increase the workload of the PTC and the Civil Service Commission. The OLS anticipates the additional workload to be marginal, given that the accelerated curriculum will likely be composed of elements of the curriculum for the existing basic training course for county sheriff’s officers. The written examination, in turn, may also not differ significantly from the existing county sheriff’s officers examination. It is unclear, however, whether the additional workload will increase administrative expenses or whether the PTC and the Civil Service Commission will absorb the additional workload within their existing resources.

Curriculum Implementation: Police academies, of which most are operated by county entities, provide PTC-approved basic law enforcement training for a fee. Counties pay the fee for county corrections officers’ enrollment in county sheriff’s officer training programs. Therefore, any change in police academy expenditures attributable to the bill will accrue to the counties.

It is unclear whether the introduction of the new accelerated basic training course for certain county corrections officers will decrease, increase, or not affect the operating cost of police academies. As enrollees must take fewer classes in the new accelerated program than in the standard program, the police academies may offer fewer class sessions in total, potentially

resulting in cost savings. However, it is also conceivable that the new accelerated curriculum may cause police academies to schedule additional classes, especially for accelerated program enrollees, without a corresponding reduction in the number of classes taught for the standard training program, potentially resulting in higher police academy expenses.

Background on PTC: The PTC supervises the administration of basic police training programs. As part of that task, the commission is responsible for the development, periodic review and revision, and certification of basic training courses for county and local police, sheriff's officers, state and county investigators, state and county corrections officers, juvenile detention officers, and a number of other law enforcement positions, as well as several instructor development courses. According to evaluation data in the FY 2020 Governor's Budget Recommendation, in FY 2018, the PTC supervised 160 training programs and certified 4,691 trainees. The length of basic training varies. Currently, a county corrections officer training course takes about 18 weeks of basic training and a county sheriff's officer course takes about 26 weeks of basic training.

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This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

08/23/2019

Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

TRENTON – Today, Governor Phil Murphy signed the following bills and resolutions into law:

A3118 (Burzichelli, Schepisi, Jasey/Bucco, Thompson) - Establishes licensure for master hearth specialists.

A4420 (Holley/Scutari) - Modifies certain fees charged by check casher licensees.

A4482 (Verrelli, Murphy, Downey/Greenstein) - Establishes "Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Violence Against Persons with Developmental Disabilities" in DHS.

A5293 (Pinkin, Zwicker, Lopez, McKeon/Smith, Bateman, Greenstein) - Makes various changes to laws governing remediation of contaminated sites.

A5390 (Tucker, Mukherji, Timberlake/Gopal, Oroho) - Provides in-State tuition at public institutions of higher education to individuals living in NJ who are entitled to educational assistance under US Department of Veterans Affairs' Vocational Rehabilitations and Employment Program.

S499 (Vitale, Madden/Downey, Houghtaling, Zwicker) - Provides for improved system for eligibility determination for Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare.

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S785 (Sarlo, Lagana/Calabrese, Mukherji) - Requires Police Training Commission to develop supplemental training course for certain county corrections officers.

S1014 (Rice/Wimberly, Mukherji) - Changes composition of State Employment and Training Commission.

S1126 (Bucco, Doherty, Bucco/Coughlin, Webber) - Requires public school districts to provide instruction on "New Jersey Safe Haven Infant Protection Act" as part of New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

S1403 (Diegnan, Singleton/DeAngelo, Mazzeo, Sumter) - Permits service credit transferred from another State-administered retirement system to apply toward creditable service requirement for retirement in SPRS.

S1887 (Singleton, Greenstein/DeAngelo, Wirths, Space) - Directs Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development to establish pilot program to assist certain unemployed and underemployed individuals to complete industry-valued Credentials in 12 months.

S1948 (Vitale/Quijano, Holley, Lopez) - Makes Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training Provider Demonstration Project permanent and renames program.

S2507 (Singleton, Pou/Danielsen, DeCroce) - Prohibits sale or lease of access to certain dental provider network contracts.

S2538 (Singleton, Pennacchio/Kean, Murphy, DeCroce, Armato) - Makes New Jersey National Guard members with NGB-22 form eligible for certain veterans' benefits.

S2660 (Gopal, Sarlo/Downey, Houghtaling, Schaer) - Establishes grant program and tuition reimbursement program for certain teachers of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; appropriates \$5 million to DOE.

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S2690 (Ruiz, Cryan, Beach, Turner, Andrzejczak/McKeon, Dancer, Land) - Prohibits pharmacy benefits managers and carriers from engaging in "clawback" and "gag clause" practices; requires certain disclosures by pharmacists; requires Director of Division of Consumer Affairs to conduct public information campaign.

S2691 (Kean, Cunningham/Quijano, Vainieri Huttle, Reynolds-Jackson) - Makes supplemental appropriation of \$100,000 to Commission on Human Trafficking.

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S3100 (Weinberg, Addiego/Benson, Vainieri Huttle, Mukherji) - Revises definition of hemophilia and expands hemophilia treatment program.

SJR73 (Singleton/Murphy, Verrelli, Dancer) - Urges U.S. Congress to pass "Military Hunger Prevention Act."

Governor Murphy conditionally vetoed the following bills:

A3717 (Mukherji, Downey, Houghtaling/Greenstein, Gopal) - Prohibits pharmacy benefits managers from making certain retroactive reductions in claims payments to pharmacies; requires pharmacy benefits managers to disclose certain product information to pharmacies.

[Copy of Statement on A3717](#)

A5363 (Burzichelli, Benson, Murphy/Gopal) - Requires carriers that offer health benefits plans to provide new or existing subscribers with notification of certain hospital and health system contract expirations.

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S834 (Scutari, Greenstein/Jones, Pintor Marin) - Prohibits resale of non-prescription diabetes test devices by pharmacists.

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S2804 (Ruiz, Turner/Lopez, McKnight, Verrelli) - Requires young children entering public schools or Head Start Programs for first time to have comprehensive eye examination completed.

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S3075 (Weinberg, Ruiz/Lampitt, Mukherji, Vainieri Huttle) - Requires DOH to regulate and license embryo storage facilities.

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S3309 (Vitale, Greenstein/Greenwald, Pintor Marin, Reynolds-Jackson) - Establishes New Jersey Violence Intervention Program to fund violence reduction initiatives.

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S3330 (Addiego, Singleton/Jones, Vainieri Huttle, Lampitt, Murphy) - Establishes pilot program in DCF to study impact of child care services provided by community providers operating in public school facilities; requires community providers to meet certain criteria.

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S3661 (Singleton, Oroho/Jasey, Wirths, Webber) - Clarifies assessment payment and election participation requirements in planned real estate developments.

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Governor Murphy absolute vetoed the following bills and resolutions:

A4135 (Land, Taliaferro/Sweeney, Andrzejczak) - Concerns use of digital parking meters to monitor parking compliance; establishes fund to encourage designated drivers.

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AJR158 (Houghtaling, Downey, Mosquera/Gopal) - Establishes New Jersey Task Force on Medicaid Financial

Resource Limits.

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S1364 (Andrzejczak/Land, Milam) - Provides funding from the General Fund to the Greater Wildwoods Tourism Improvement and Development Authority; appropriates \$4 million.

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