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"Police training courses prior to appointment"

BILL NO: A2651 (Substituted for S1504 Senate Committee Substitute)

SPONSOR(S): Bateman and Biondi

DATE INTRODUCED: November 23, 1998

COMMITTEE:

ASSEMBLY: Law and Public Safety

SENATE: ~~~~

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:No

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SENATE: December 17, 1998

DATE OF APPROVAL: December 23, 1998

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FINAL TEXT OF BILL: Assembly Committee Substitute Enacted

A2651

SPONSORS STATEMENT: *Yes* (Begins on page 3 of original bill)

COMMITTEE STATEMENT:

ASSEMBLY:*Yes*

SENATE:*No*

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS: *No*

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: *No*

S1504

SPONSORS STATEMENT: *Yes* (Begins on page 3 of original bill)

(Bill and Sponsors Statement identical to A2651)

COMMITTEE STATEMENT:

ASSEMBLY: *No*

SENATE: *Yes*

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS: *No*

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: *No*

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ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
ASSEMBLY, No. 2651

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
208th LEGISLATURE

ADOPTED DECEMBER 3, 1998

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman CHRISTOPHER "KIP" BATEMAN

District 16 (Morris and Somerset)

Assemblyman PETER J. BIONDI

District 16 (Morris and Somerset)

Assemblyman JAMES W. HOLZAPFEL

District 10 (Monmouth and Ocean)

Assemblywoman MARION CRECCO

District 34 (Essex and Passaic)

Assemblyman TOM SMITH

District 11 (Monmouth)

Assemblyman GUY F. TALARICO

District 38 (Bergen)

Assemblyman JOEL WEINGARTEN

District 21 (Essex and Union)

Assemblyman PETER J. BARNES, JR.

District 18 (Middlesex)

Assemblyman ALFRED E. STEELE

District 35 (Passaic)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman Murphy and Senator Kavanaugh

SYNOPSIS

Permits persons not holding appointments as police officers to take police training courses.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Substitute as adopted by the Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/18/1998)

1 AN ACT concerning police training and amending and supplementing
2 P.L.1961, c.56.

3

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

6

7 1. Section 4 of P.L.1961, c.56 (C.52:17B-69) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S.11:22-6, a probationary
10 or temporary appointment as a police officer may be made for a total
11 period not exceeding 1 year for the purpose of enabling a person
12 seeking permanent appointment to take a police training course as
13 prescribed in this act, provided, however, that the time period may
14 exceed 1 year for those persons enrolled prior to the 1-year limit in a
15 police training course scheduled to end subsequent to the 1-year limit,
16 and for those persons who, prior to the 1-year limit, have been
17 scheduled to attend a police training course which commences
18 subsequent to the 1-year limit. In no case shall any extension granted
19 for the reasons herein listed exceed 6 months. **[No person shall be**
20 **permitted to take a police training course unless he holds]** Every
21 person holding such a probationary or temporary appointment shall
22 enroll in a police training course, and such appointee shall be entitled
23 to a leave of absence with pay during the period of the police training
24 course.

25 (cf: P.L.1974, c.186, s.1)

26

27 2. (New section) a. A person who does not hold a probationary
28 or temporary appointment as a police officer, but who is seeking such
29 an appointment may enroll in a police training course provided that
30 person:

31 (1) meets the general qualifications for a police officer set forth in
32 N.J.S.40A:14-122 and such other qualifications as the commission
33 may deem appropriate; and

34 (2) applies to and is accepted by a commission approved school
35 for admission to a police training course.

36 The person may be charged a fee by the commission or approved
37 school, as the case may be, not exceeding that which the commission
38 approved school charges a governmental employer for the training of
39 an employee holding a probationary or temporary appointment.

40 An appointing authority may, at its discretion, reimburse a person
41 who has completed a police training course pursuant to this section for
42 all or part of the costs of training.

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.

1 b. The commission, in accordance with the provisions of the
2 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
3 seq.), shall promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes
4 of this section.

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6 3. (New section) A person who completes a police training course
7 pursuant to section 2 of P.L. , c. (C.) (now pending before the
8 Legislature as this bill) shall only be eligible for appointment as a
9 permanent full-time member of a police department or force.

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11 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

ASSEMBLY, No. 2651

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 208th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED NOVEMBER 23, 1998

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman CHRISTOPHER "KIP" BATEMAN

District 16 (Morris and Somerset)

Assemblyman PETER J. BIONDI

District 16 (Morris and Somerset)

SYNOPSIS

Permits certain police officer candidates to be trained prior to appointment.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



A2651 BATEMAN, BIONDI

2

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10 or temporary appointment as a police officer may be made for a total
11 period not exceeding 1 year for the purpose of enabling a person
12 seeking permanent appointment to take a police training course as
13 prescribed in this act, provided, however, that the time period may
14 exceed 1 year for those persons enrolled prior to the 1-year limit in a
15 police training course scheduled to end subsequent to the 1-year limit,
16 and for those persons who, prior to the 1-year limit, have been
17 scheduled to attend a police training course which commences
18 subsequent to the 1-year limit. In no case shall any extension granted
19 for the reasons herein listed exceed 6 months. Except for persons
20 seeking an appointment pursuant to the provisions of section 2
21 of P.L. , c. (C.) (now pending before the Legislature as this
22 bill), **[No]** no person shall be permitted to take a police training
23 course unless he holds such a probationary or temporary appointment,
24 and such appointee shall be entitled to a leave of absence with pay
25 during the period of the police training course.

26 (cf: P.L.1974, c.186, s.1)

27

28 2. (New section) a. As used in this act, "qualified county" means
29 a county of the second class with a population exceeding 240,000, but
30 less than 300,000, according to the 1990 federal decennial census, and
31 a county of the third class with a population exceeding 100,000, but
32 less than 130,000, according to the 1990 federal decennial census.

33 b. Residents of a qualified county who do not hold a probationary
34 or temporary appointment as a police officer, but who are seeking
35 appointment as a police officer, may make application and, if accepted,
36 enroll in the basic course for police officers at the police academy of
37 a qualified county in which they reside, provided that they meet the
38 general qualifications for a police officer set forth in N.J.S.40A:14-122
39 and such other qualifications as the Police Training Commission may
40 deem appropriate.

41 c. Notwithstanding any provision of law or regulation to the
42 contrary, a local governmental unit in a qualified county may hire as
43 a police officer a person who has successfully completed the basic

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1 police officer training course at a police academy of the same qualified
2 county pursuant to subsection b. of this act. The governing body of
3 the governmental unit may, at its discretion, reimburse a person hired
4 under this act for all or part of the costs of training.

5 d. The Police Training Commission, in accordance with the
6 "Administrative Procedures Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
7 seq.), shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to effectuate
8 the purposes of this section.

9
10 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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13 STATEMENT
14

15 This bill would permit a resident of a qualified county to enroll in
16 and complete a State approved police officer training course offered
17 by a police academy in that county before being employed as a police
18 officer. Under existing law, a person must hold a temporary or
19 provisional appointment as a police officer to be eligible to enroll in a
20 police training course.

21 Under the bill, the enrollee would be required to meet the
22 qualifications for a police officer required by N.J.S.40A:14-122 and by
23 the New Jersey Police Training Commission. Any local governmental
24 unit in a qualified county would be authorized to hire a graduate of the
25 training course offered by an academy in that county. The bill
26 authorizes, but does not require, the local governmental unit to
27 reimburse a person hired under the bill for the costs of training.

28 The bill defines a "qualified county" as a county of the second class
29 with a population exceeding 240,000, but less than 300,000, according
30 to the 1990 decennial census, and a county of the third class with a
31 population exceeding 100,000, but less than 130,000, according to the
32 1990 decennial census.

33 The provisions of this bill would codify the "alternate route" pilot
34 program conducted by the Police Training Commission. That
35 program, which expires in December 1998, has provided municipalities
36 with high quality police officers at a substantial savings in training
37 costs.

ASSEMBLY LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR **ASSEMBLY, No. 2651**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 3, 1998

The Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably an Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 2651.

This Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 2651 permits individuals who are seeking employment as law enforcement officers to take the statutorily required Police Training Commission course before they are hired. Currently, section 4 of P.L.1961, c.56 (C.52:17B-69) permits only individuals who have already been hired by local governmental units to be admitted to police training courses offered by schools approved and authorized by the commission.

Under the provisions of the bill, an individual who is interested in becoming a police officer would be permitted to take police training courses if that person (1) meets the statutory qualifications for police officer and (2) applies to and is accepted by the Police Training Commission for admission to a training course. The commission or approved school, as the case may be, may charge a student who has not yet been hired a fee not exceeding that which is charged a governmental employer for the training of an employee holding a probationary or temporary appointment. However, an appointing authority may, at its discretion, reimburse a person who has completed a police training course prior to being hired for all or part of the costs of training.

SENATE, No. 1504

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
208th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED NOVEMBER 23, 1998

Sponsored by:

Senator WALTER J. KAVANAUGH

District 16 (Morris and Somerset)

SYNOPSIS

Permits certain police officer candidates to be trained prior to appointment.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



S1504 KAVANAUGH

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SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR **SENATE, No. 1504**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 10, 1998

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably a Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1504.

This committee substitute for Senate Bill No. 1504 permits individuals who are seeking employment as law enforcement officers to take the statutorily required Police Training Commission course before they are hired. Currently, section 4 of P.L.1961, c.56 (C.52:17B-69) permits only individuals who have already been hired by local governmental units to be admitted to police training courses offered by schools approved and authorized by the commission.

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