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Committee Bill No. 789

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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT
UNITS FOR TRAINING COSTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 7-294dd of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

3 (a) For purposes of this section, "police officer", "certification" and
4 "law enforcement unit" have the same meanings as provided in section
5 7-294a and "cost of certification" means the cost of training, equipment,
6 uniforms, salary and fringe benefits and any cost related to the entry
7 level requirements established by the Police Officer Standards and
8 Training Council associated with the police officer, except that "cost of
9 certification" does not include the cost of any equipment or uniforms
10 that were returned by such officer.

11 (b) Whenever a police officer obtains certification while employed
12 by a law enforcement unit and is subsequently hired by another law
13 enforcement unit on or after July 1, 2016, and within two years of such
14 officer obtaining such certification, the law enforcement unit hiring the
15 police officer shall reimburse the initial law enforcement unit fifty per

16 cent of the total cost of certification. The provisions of this section shall
17 not apply to a law enforcement unit that hires a police officer two
18 years or more after such officer obtains certification. No law
19 enforcement unit may require a police officer to pay any portion of the
20 reimbursement cost prescribed in this subsection unless the police
21 officer and law enforcement unit have agreed to the requirement prior
22 to July 1, 2019. No collective bargaining agreement entered into on or
23 after July 1, 2019, shall require a police officer to pay any portion of the
24 reimbursement cost prescribed in this subsection.

25 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect an agreement
26 between a police officer or a collective bargaining unit and a law
27 enforcement unit entered into prior to July 1, 2016, that provides for
28 the reimbursement of the cost of certification.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2019	7-294dd

Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit a law enforcement unit from requiring a police officer to pay any portion of the costs of the officer's certification that the law enforcement unit must pay to another unit.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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