
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 863 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY D. WILLIAMS, KINSEY, MADDEN AND SANCHEZ,
APRIL 10, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 10, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in employees, further providing for
3 powers and duties of commission.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 2164(8) of Title 53 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 2164. Powers and duties of commission.

9 The powers and duties of the commission shall be as follows:

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11 (8) To require minimum standards for physical fitness,
12 psychological evaluation and education as prerequisites to
13 employment as a police officer. The minimum standards shall
14 require an applicant for certification to score no lower than
15 the 30th percentile of the Cooper standards, which coincides
16 with the 30th percentile of the general population, for each
17 required evaluation to be eligible for employment as a police
18 officer. A school may not enroll an individual into a recruit

1 training program certified by the commission unless the
2 individual has obtained a score in the 15th percentile or
3 higher for the individual's age and gender as specified in
4 the Cooper standards for each required evaluation.

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6 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.