
SENATE BILL 5108

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1 AN ACT Relating to a regional training model for basic law
2 enforcement training; reenacting and amending RCW 43.101.200;
3 creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.101.200 and 2021 c 334 s 977 and 2021 c 323 s 31
6 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

7 (1) All law enforcement personnel(~~(, except)~~) who are not
8 volunteers(~~(,)~~) and reserve officers whether paid or unpaid,
9 initially employed on or after January 1, 1978, shall engage in basic
10 law enforcement training which complies with standards adopted by the
11 commission pursuant to RCW 43.101.080. (~~For personnel initially~~
12 ~~employed before January 1, 1990, such training shall be successfully~~
13 ~~completed during the first fifteen months of employment of such~~
14 ~~personnel unless otherwise extended or waived by the commission and~~
15 ~~shall be requisite to the continuation of such employment.))
16 Personnel (~~(initially employed on or after January 1, 1990,)~~) shall
17 commence basic training during the first six months of employment
18 unless the basic training requirement is otherwise waived or extended
19 by the commission. Successful completion of basic training is
20 requisite to the continuation of employment (~~(of such)~~) for all law~~

1 enforcement personnel ((initially employed on or after January 1,
2 1990))).

3 (2) Except as provided in RCW 43.101.170 and subsection (3) of
4 this section, the commission shall provide the aforementioned
5 training and shall have the sole authority to do so. The commission
6 shall provide necessary facilities, supplies, materials, and the
7 board and room of noncommuting attendees for seven days per week,
8 except during the 2017-2019, 2019-2021, and 2021-2023 fiscal biennia
9 when the employing, county, city, or state law enforcement agency
10 shall reimburse the commission for twenty-five percent of the cost of
11 training its personnel. Additionally, to the extent funds are
12 provided for this purpose, the commission shall reimburse to
13 participating law enforcement agencies with ten or less full-time
14 commissioned patrol officers the cost of temporary replacement of
15 each officer who is enrolled in basic law enforcement training:
16 PROVIDED, That such reimbursement shall include only the actual cost
17 of temporary replacement not to exceed the total amount of salary and
18 benefits received by the replaced officer during his or her training
19 period.

20 (3) Until July 1, 2027, an employing county, city, or state law
21 enforcement agency may provide basic law enforcement training which
22 complies with the standards adopted by the commission pursuant to RCW
23 43.101.080. Such training must be provided within the budget of the
24 agency with no contribution from the state. To qualify, the agency
25 must be granted a certificate of equivalency from the commission and
26 must:

27 (a) Have curriculum aligned with and approved by the commission;

28 (b) Utilize commission certified instructors and officers to
29 train recruits; and

30 (c) Be subject to periodic compliance audits by the commission.

31 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. (1) No later than November 1, 2026, the
32 criminal justice training commission, in consultation with
33 participating agencies, shall provide a written report to the
34 governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature analyzing
35 the effectiveness of the delivery of basic law enforcement training
36 through agencies certified pursuant to RCW 43.101.200(3). The report
37 must include a list of the agencies that have been granted a
38 certificate of equivalency; a comparison of the recruit failure rate
39 and length of time to completion for individuals receiving training

1 through the commission and those receiving training through
2 equivalent training programs; the cost to deliver basic law
3 enforcement training in both training programs; and the results of
4 audits completed by the commission.

5 (2) This section expires July 1, 2027.

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