

ASSEMBLY, No. 1918

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MAY 6, 1996

By Assemblymen BLEE, LeFEVRE and T. Smith

1 AN ACT establishing a fund for law enforcement training and
2 equipment, amending P.L.1961, c.56 and supplementing chapter 43
3 of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

7
8 1. Section 6 of P.L.1961, c.56 (C.52:17B-71) is amended to read
9 as follows:

10 6. The commission is vested with the power, responsibility and
11 duty:

12 a. To prescribe standards for the approval and continuation of
13 approval of schools at which police training courses authorized by this
14 act and in-service police training courses shall be conducted, including
15 but not limited to presently existing regional, county, municipal and
16 police chief association police training schools or at which basic
17 training courses and in-service training courses shall be conducted for
18 State and county juvenile and adult corrections officers and juvenile
19 detention officers;

20 b. To approve and issue certificates of approval to such schools,
21 to inspect such schools from time to time, and to revoke any approval
22 or certificate issued to such schools;

23 c. To prescribe the curriculum, the minimum courses of study,
24 attendance requirements, equipment and facilities, and standards of
25 operation for such schools. Courses of study in crime prevention may
26 be recommended to the Police Training Commission by the Crime
27 Prevention Advisory Committee, established by section 2 of P.L.1985,
28 c.1 (C.52:17B-77.1). The Police Training Commission may prescribe
29 psychological and psychiatric examinations for police recruits while in
30 such schools;

31 d. To prescribe minimum qualifications for instructors at such
32 schools and to certify, as qualified, instructors for approved police
33 training schools and to issue appropriate certificates to such
34 instructors;

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

- 1 e. To certify police officers, corrections officers, juvenile
2 corrections officers and juvenile detention officers who have
3 satisfactorily completed training programs and to issue appropriate
4 certificates to such police officers, corrections officers, juvenile
5 corrections officers and juvenile detention officers;
- 6 f. To advise and consent in the appointment of an administrator of
7 police services by the Attorney General pursuant to section 8 of
8 P.L.1961, c.56 (C.52:17B-73);
- 9 g. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1985, c.491.)
- 10 h. To make such rules and regulations as may be reasonably
11 necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purposes and objectives of
12 this act;
- 13 i. To make a continuous study of police training methods and
14 training methods for corrections officers, juvenile corrections officers
15 and juvenile detention officers and to consult and accept the
16 cooperation of any recognized federal or State law enforcement
17 agency or educational institution;
- 18 j. To consult and cooperate with universities, colleges and
19 institutes in the State for the development of specialized courses of
20 study for police officers in police science and police administration;
- 21 k. To consult and cooperate with other departments and agencies
22 of the State concerned with police training or the training of
23 corrections officers, juvenile corrections officers and juvenile detention
24 officers;
- 25 l. To participate in unified programs and projects relating to police
26 training and the training of corrections officers, juvenile corrections
27 officers and juvenile detention officers sponsored by any federal, State,
28 or other public or private agency;
- 29 m. To perform such other acts as may be necessary or appropriate
30 to carry out its functions and duties as set forth in this act;
- 31 n. To extend the time limit for satisfactory completion of police
32 training programs or programs for the training of corrections officers,
33 juvenile corrections officers and juvenile detention officers upon a
34 finding that health, extraordinary workload or other factors have,
35 singly or in combination, effected a delay in the satisfactory
36 completion of such training program;
- 37 o. To furnish approved schools, for inclusion in their regular police
38 training courses and curriculum, with information concerning the
39 advisability of high speed chases, the risk caused thereby, and the
40 benefits resulting therefrom;
- 41 p. To review and approve new standards and course curricula
42 developed by the Department of Corrections for both basic and
43 in-service training of State and county corrections officers and juvenile
44 detention officers. These courses for the State corrections officers and
45 juvenile detention officers shall be centrally provided at the
46 Corrections Officers' Training Academy of the Department of

1 Corrections. Courses for the county corrections officers and juvenile
2 detention officers shall also be centrally provided at the Corrections
3 Officers' Training Academy unless an off-grounds training program is
4 established by the county. A county may elect to establish and
5 conduct a basic training program for corrections officers and juvenile
6 detention officers seeking permanent appointment in that county. The
7 Corrections Officers' Training Academy shall develop the curriculum
8 of the basic training program to be conducted by a county.

9 q. To administer and distribute the monies in the Law Enforcement
10 Officers Training and Equipment Fund established by section 2 of
11 P.L., c. ... (C.)(now pending before the Legislature as this
12 bill) and make such rules and regulations for the administration and
13 distribution of the monies as may be necessary or appropriate to
14 accomplish the purpose for which the fund was established.

15 (cf: P.L.1995, c.280, s.55)

16

17 2. (New section) a. In addition to any disposition made pursuant
18 to the provisions of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes, any person
19 convicted of a crime shall be assessed a penalty of \$30.

20 b. In addition to any other disposition made pursuant to the
21 provisions of section 24 of P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-43) or any other
22 statute indicating the dispositions that may be ordered for
23 adjudications of delinquency, a juvenile adjudicated delinquent for an
24 offense which if committed by an adult would be a crime shall be
25 assessed a penalty of \$15.

26 c. The penalties assessed under subsections a. and b. of this section
27 shall be collected as provided for the collection of fines and restitution
28 in section 3 of P.L.1979, c.396 (C.2C:46-4) and forwarded to the
29 State Treasury for deposit in a separate account to be known as the
30 "Law Enforcement Officers Training and Equipment Fund." The
31 penalty assessed in this section shall be collected only after a penalty
32 assessed in section 2 of P.L.1979, c.396 (C.2C:43-3.1) and any
33 restitution ordered is collected.

34 The fund shall be used to support the development and provision of
35 basic and in-service training courses for law enforcement officers by
36 police training schools approved pursuant to P.L.1961, c.56
37 (C.52:17B-66 et seq.). In addition, the fund shall also be used to
38 enable police training schools to purchase equipment needed for the
39 training of law enforcement officers. Distributions from the fund shall
40 only be made directly to such approved schools.

41 d. The Police Training Commission in the Department of Law and
42 Public Safety shall be responsible for the administration and
43 distribution of the fund pursuant to its authority under section 6 of
44 P.L.1961, c.56 (C.52:17B-71).

45 e. An adult prisoner of a State correctional institution who does
46 not pay the penalty imposed pursuant to this section shall have the

1 penalty deducted from any income the inmate receives as a result of
2 labor performed at the institution or any type of work release program.
3 If any person, including an inmate, fails to pay the penalty imposed
4 pursuant to this section, the court may order the suspension of the
5 person's driver's license or nonresident reciprocity privilege, or
6 prohibit the person from receiving or obtaining a license until the
7 assessment is paid. The court shall notify the Director of the Division
8 of Motor Vehicles of such an action. Prior to any action being taken
9 pursuant to this subsection, the person shall be given notice and a
10 hearing before the court to contest the charge of the failure to pay the
11 assessment.

12

13 3. This act shall take effect immediately but shall apply only to
14 persons convicted of a crime after the effective date.

15

16

17

STATEMENT

18

19 This bill establishes a fund to support the development of courses
20 and the purchase of equipment by police training schools.

21 The bill imposes an additional penalty of \$30 against a person
22 convicted of a crime and \$15 against a juvenile adjudicated delinquent
23 for the commission of a crime. These penalties are to be deposited
24 after collection into the Law Enforcement Officers Training and
25 Equipment Fund which is established by the bill. The monies in the
26 fund would then be distributed by the Police Training Commission in
27 the Department of Law and Public Safety to police training schools to
28 support basic and in-service police training courses and to purchase
29 equipment.

30 The additional penalty imposed by this bill would be collected only
31 after collection of the penalty assessed in section 2 of P.L.1979, c.396
32 (C.2C:43-3.1) for use by the Victims of Crimes Compensation Board
33 and after payment after any court-ordered restitution.

34

35

36

37

38 Establishes fund for law enforcement training and equipment.