

ASSEMBLY, No. 2430

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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1 AN ACT concerning Human Services police officers and amending
2 P.L.1995, c.273.

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

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7 1. Section 4 of P.L.1995, c.273 (C.30:4-14.2) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 4. Human Services police officers appointed pursuant to
10 R.S.30:4-14 shall satisfy the training requirements established by the
11 Police Training Commission, at police academies designated by the
12 commission, as follows:

13 a. All officers appointed pursuant to this section after the effective
14 date of [this act] P.L.1995, c.273 (C.30:4-14.1 et seq.), shall
15 successfully complete, within one year of the date of their
16 appointment, a training course approved by the Police Training
17 Commission.

18 All officers appointed pursuant to this section after the effective
19 date of P.L. , c. (C.)(pending before the Legislature as this bill),
20 shall successfully complete, within one year of the date of their
21 appointment, a training course approved by the Police Training
22 Commission, which shall include training designed to prepare officers
23 to handle patients with violent criminal backgrounds and sensitivity
24 training to prepare officers to handle abusive situations between
25 employees and patients, and among patients.

26 b. All officers appointed and in employment on the effective date
27 of [this act] P.L.1995, c.273 (C.30:4-14.1 et seq.), may continue in
28 employment if, within 18 months of the effective date of [this act]
29 P.L.1995, c.273 (C.30:4-14.1 et seq.), they have satisfied the training
30 requirements of the Police Training Commission;

31 All officers appointed and in employment on the effective date of
32 P.L. , c. (C.)(pending before the Legislature as this bill), may
33 continue in employment if, within 18 months of the effective date of

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 P.L. , c. (C.)(pending before the Legislature as this bill), they
2 have successfully completed a training course approved by the Police
3 Training Commission, which shall include training designed to prepare
4 officers to handle patients with violent criminal backgrounds and
5 sensitivity training to prepare officers to handle abusive situations
6 between employees and patients, and among patients; and

7 c. The Commissioner of Human Services may request from the
8 Police Training Commission an exemption from all or part of the
9 training requirements of this section on behalf of a current or
10 prospective officer who demonstrates successful completion of a
11 police training course conducted by any federal, state or other public
12 or private agency, the requirements of which are substantially
13 equivalent to the requirements of the Police Training Commission, and
14 which include training officers to handle patients with violent criminal
15 backgrounds and sensitivity training pursuant to this section.

16 (cf: P.L.1995, c.273, s.4)

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18 2. This act shall take effect 60 days after enactment.

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STATEMENT

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23 This bill amends P.L.1995, c.273 (C.30:4-14.1 et seq.) by
24 specifying that the training requirements for the Human Services police
25 officers include a course which prepares the officers to handle patients
26 with violent criminal backgrounds and abusive situations between
27 employees and patients, and among patients.

28 Also, the bill provides that the training requirements established by
29 the Police Training Commission be satisfied at designated police
30 academies.

31 Lastly, the bill specifies a time frame for the successful completion
32 of training requirements. Officers who are appointed after the
33 effective date of the bill must successfully complete the training course
34 within one year of the effective date. Those officers who are
35 appointed and already in employment on the effective date, have 18
36 months to satisfy the requirements. These time frames are the same as
37 those provided under the current law which this bill amends,
38 P.L.1995, c.273 (C.30:4-14.1 et seq.).

39 This legislation is part of a package of bills which was
40 recommended in the Final Report of the Senate Task Force on
41 Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital, June 1996, and is designed to
42 improve the services provided by the Human Services police.

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3 Requires Human Services police officers to receive specific training

4 concerning patient abuse and violent patients.