

SENATE, No. 538

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JANUARY 29, 1996

By Senator BASSANO

1 AN ACT concerning the training of police officers, amending
2 P.L.1961, c.56 and repealing section 4 of P.L.1961, c.56.

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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 3 of P.L.1961, c.56 (C.52:17B-68) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 3. Every municipality and county shall authorize attendance at an
10 approved school by persons holding a probationary appointment as a
11 police officer, and every municipality and county shall require that no
12 person shall hereafter be given or accept a permanent appointment as
13 a police officer or exercise the powers and duties of a police officer
14 unless [such] the person has successfully completed a police training
15 course at an approved school; provided, however, that the commission
16 may, in its discretion, except from the requirements of this section any
17 person who demonstrates to the commission's satisfaction that he has
18 successfully completed a police training course conducted by any
19 Federal, State or other public or private agency, the requirements of
20 which are substantially equivalent to the requirements of this act.
21 (cf: P.L.1971, c.321, s.2)

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23 2. Section 4 of P.L.1961, c.56 (C.52:17B-69) is repealed.

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25 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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30 Current law permits newly hired police officers to assume the
31 powers and duties of police officers before they have completed their
32 required training.

33 This bill requires that prior to assuming the powers and duties of a
34 police officer, a person must complete a police training course at a

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 school approved by the Police Training Commission. The bill repeals
2 section 4 of P.L.1961, c.56 (C.52:17B-69), which permits
3 probationary or temporary police officers to serve as police officers
4 for up to 18 months before completing their required training.

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9 Requires police officers to complete police training course at approved
10 school before assuming powers and duties as police officer.