

ASSEMBLY, No. 2276

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

220th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Establishes training curriculum for auxiliary police officers; awards auxiliary police officers additional service credits on civil service exam for years of service.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning law enforcement and supplementing Title 40A
2 of the New Jersey Statutes.

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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. a. The Police Training Commission established pursuant to
8 section 5 of P.L.1961, c.56 (C.52:17B-70) shall approve and
9 authorize schools to provide training to auxiliary police officers.
10 Each auxiliary police officer shall successfully completed basic
11 training requirements established by the commission pursuant to
12 P.L.1961, c.56 (C.52:17B-66 et seq.).

13 An auxiliary police officer appointed prior to the effective date
14 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)
15 may continue to serve in that capacity provided the officer satisfies
16 the training requirements established by the commission within six
17 months following the effective date of this act.

18 b. A county or municipality in which Title 11 (Civil Service) of
19 the Revised Statutes is operative that schedules an examination to
20 determine appointments to a county or municipal law enforcement
21 agency shall award additional rating points of not less than three or
22 more than 10 as may be determined by the appointing authority to
23 any qualified auxiliary police officer who had served in the county
24 or municipal law enforcement agency for at least two years prior to
25 the appointment.

26 The service credit only shall be added to the passing score of any
27 auxiliary police officer who has successfully completed a basic
28 police training course approved by the Police Training Commission
29 at an approved school.

30 c. Nothing in this section shall establish a preference over a
31 paid police officer temporarily dismissed or on leave of absence for
32 reasons of economy, or the appointment of a paid police officer to a
33 superior position at the time of promotion in the police department
34 or force.

35 d. The Civil Service Commission may promulgate, pursuant to
36 the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
37 seq.), rules and regulations and establish administrative processes as
38 are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

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40 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month
41 next following the date of enactment.

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44 STATEMENT

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46 This bill requires the Police Training Commission (PTC) to
47 establish basic training requirements and approve and authorize
48 schools to provide training to auxiliary police officers. In addition,

1 the bill awards auxiliary police officers additional service credits of
2 three to 10 points on their passing examination score. Auxiliary
3 police officers are volunteers who are trained to assist law
4 enforcement officers and perform certain functions, such as crowd
5 and traffic control or uniformed foot patrol.

6 Under the bill, auxiliary police officers are required to receive
7 training to successfully complete basic training requirements
8 established by the PTC. An auxiliary police officer would be
9 entitled to continue to serve in that capacity provided he or she
10 satisfies the requirements within six months after the bill takes
11 effect.

12 The bill requires civil service counties and municipalities to
13 award an additional three to 10 rating points to qualified auxiliary
14 police officers who had served in the county or municipality at least
15 two years prior to their appointment.