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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MAY 8, 1984

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 18, 1974 (P.L.359, No.120), entitled
2 "An act creating the Municipal Police Officers' Education and
3 Training Commission; providing for the commission's
4 membership, selection, compensation, and removal; providing
5 for the powers and duties of the commission; providing for
6 the appointment and duties of the chairman; providing for the
7 act's applicability to the civil service laws; requiring
8 training by certain political subdivisions and police
9 departments; providing penalties for violation thereof; and
10 making an appropriation," extending the length of time to
11 ~~complete training; and authorizing certain police departments~~ <—
12 ~~to conduct training as approved schools.~~ COMPLETE TRAINING; <—
13 AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF CERTAIN EXPENSES.

14 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
15 hereby enacts as follows:

16 Section 1. Section ~~6~~ 9 of the act of June 18, 1974 (P.L.359, <—
17 No.120), referred to as the Municipal Police Education and
18 Training Law, is amended ~~by adding a clause~~ to read: <—

19 ~~Section 6. Powers and Duties of the Commissioner. The~~ <—
20 ~~duties of the commissioner shall be as follows:~~

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22 ~~(10) To certify as an approved school, any police department~~

~~having five or more full time police officers, if in the opinion of the commissioner, the department has the capabilities to perform most of the training requirements imposed on an approved school pursuant to the provisions of this act and the implementing regulations.~~

~~Section 2. Section 9 of the act is amended to read:~~

Section 9. Police Training Mandatory; Penalties.--All political subdivisions of the Commonwealth or groups of political subdivisions acting in concert shall be required to train all members of their police departments hired by them after the effective date of this act, pursuant to the provisions of this act.

Any person hired as a municipal police officer by any political subdivision or group thereof acting in concert after the effective date of this act shall be at the end of [one year] two years from the date of his employment ineligible to receive any salary, compensation or other consideration or thing of value for the performance of his duties as a police officer unless he has met all of the requirements as established by the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission and has been duly certified as having met those requirements by the commissioner, unless the police officer is granted additional time to complete his training by the commissioner. However, such persons hired as a municipal police officer will be given a grace period of two years from the effective date of this act before he becomes ineligible to receive salary, compensation or other consideration of thing of value.

Any official of any political subdivision who orders, authorizes or pays as salary to a person in violation of the provisions of this act shall on summary conviction thereof be

1 sentenced to pay a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100) or be
2 imprisoned for a term not to exceed a period of thirty days.

3 SECTION 2. SECTION 10 OF THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING A
4 SUBSECTION TO READ:

5 SECTION 10. REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES.--* * *

6 (D) IF A POLICE OFFICER, WITHIN TWO YEARS FOLLOWING
7 CERTIFICATION, TERMINATES HIS EMPLOYMENT WITH THE POLITICAL
8 SUBDIVISION BY WHICH HE WAS EMPLOYED AT THE TIME HE WAS DULY
9 CERTIFIED AS HAVING MET THE COMMISSION'S REQUIREMENT AND
10 THEREAFTER OBTAINS EMPLOYMENT AS A POLICE OFFICER WITH ANOTHER
11 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION WHICH EMPLOYS
12 THE PREVIOUSLY CERTIFIED POLICE OFFICER SHALL REIMBURSE THE
13 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION WHICH FORMERLY EMPLOYED THE POLICE OFFICER
14 FOR THE NONREIMBURSABLE PORTION OF THE SALARY PAID TO THE POLICE
15 OFFICER WHILE COMPLYING WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT.

16 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.