

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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1987

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 21, 1987

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of February 9, 1984 (P.L.3, No.2), entitled "An
2 act providing for the education and training of deputy
3 sheriffs; creating the Deputy Sheriffs' Education and
4 Training Board under the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and
5 Delinquency; providing for the powers and duties of the board
6 and the Attorney General; establishing the Deputy Sheriffs'
7 Education and Training Account; providing for a surcharge on
8 sheriffs' fees; and providing penalties," providing for the
9 fulfillment of education and training requirements at schools
10 certified by the Municipal Police Officers' Education and
11 Training Commission.

12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
13 hereby enacts as follows:

14 Section 1. Sections 4, 5 and 9 of the act of February 9,
15 1984 (P.L.3, No.2), known as the Deputy Sheriffs' Education and
16 Training Act, are amended to read:

17 Section 4. Powers and duties of the board.

18 The board, with the review and approval of the commission,
19 shall:

20 (1) Establish, implement and administer the Deputy
21 Sheriffs' Education and Training Program according to the

1 minimum requirements set forth in this act.

2 (2) Establish, implement and administer requirements for
3 the minimum courses of study and training for deputy
4 sheriffs. Deputy sheriffs who have successfully completed a
5 course of study equivalent to that set out in the Municipal
6 Police Officers' Education and Training Program, at a school
7 certified by the Municipal Police Officers' Education and
8 Training Commission for providing such training, shall be
9 deemed to have satisfied the requirements for a minimum
10 course of study and training.

11 (3) Establish, implement and administer requirements for
12 courses of study and in-service training for deputy sheriffs
13 appointed prior to the effective date of this act.

14 (4) Establish, implement and administer requirements for
15 a continuing education program for all deputy sheriffs
16 concerning subjects the board may deem necessary and
17 appropriate for the continued education and training of
18 deputy sheriffs.

19 (5) Approve or revoke the approval of any school which
20 may be utilized to comply with the educational and training
21 requirements of this act. In all cases where the sheriff of
22 the county chooses to have his deputies receive the municipal
23 police officers' basic training in lieu of the deputy
24 sheriff's basic training, any school which has been approved
25 for providing basic police training by the Municipal Police
26 Officers' Education and Training Commission shall be deemed
27 to have satisfied the requirements of this provision.

28 (6) Establish the minimum qualifications for instructors
29 and certify instructors. In all cases where the sheriff of
30 the county chooses to have his deputies receive the municipal

1 police officers' basic training in lieu of the deputy
2 sheriff's basic training, any instructor who has been
3 certified by the Municipal Police Officers' Education and
4 Training Commission shall be deemed to have satisfied the
5 requirements of this provision.

6 (7) Consult and cooperate with universities, colleges,
7 law schools, community colleges and institutes for the
8 development of specialized courses for deputy sheriffs.

9 (8) Promote the most efficient and economical program
10 for deputy sheriff training by utilizing existing facilities,
11 programs and qualified State and local personnel.

12 (9) Certify deputy sheriffs who have satisfactorily
13 completed the basic education and training requirements of
14 this act, including those deputy sheriffs who have completed
15 the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training
16 Program, and issue appropriate certificates to them.

17 (10) Make rules and regulations and perform other duties
18 as may be reasonably necessary or appropriate to administer
19 the education and training program for deputy sheriffs.

20 (11) Make an annual report to the Governor and to the
21 General Assembly concerning:

22 (i) The administration of the Deputy Sheriffs'
23 Education and Training Program.

24 (ii) The activities of the board.

25 (iii) The costs of the program.

26 Section 5. Training program.

27 The Deputy Sheriffs' Education and Training Program shall
28 include appropriate training for a total of 160 hours which
29 content shall be determined by regulation. In all cases where
30 the sheriff of the county chooses to have his deputies receive

the municipal police officers' basic training in lieu of the deputy sheriff's basic training, such training shall be deemed to have satisfied the requirements of this provision.

Section 9. Reimbursement to counties.

(a) General rule.--The commission shall provide for reimbursement to each county of 100% of the allowable tuition and the ordinary and necessary living and travel expenses incurred by their deputy sheriffs while attending certified deputy sheriffs' basic training or continuing education schools if the county adheres to the training standards set forth in this act and established by the board with the review and approval of the commission. The regular salary of deputy sheriffs while attending approved schools shall be paid by the employing county. Fifty percent of the regular salaries of deputy sheriffs while attending approved schools shall be reimbursed to the employing county.

(b) Alternative basic training.--In all cases where the sheriff of the county chooses to have his deputies receive the municipal police officers' basic training in lieu of the deputy sheriff's basic training, the commission shall provide for reimbursement to each county of 100% of the tuition cost which would have been allowable had the deputies been trained under the Deputy Sheriffs' Education and Training Program instead of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Program, and the ordinary and necessary living and travel expenses incurred by such deputies while attending training, insofar as these expenses do not exceed what they would have been if such deputies had been trained under the Deputy Sheriffs' Education and Training Program instead of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Program. The regular salary of deputy

1 sheriffs while attending training shall be paid by the employing
2 county. Fifty percent of the regular salaries of deputy sheriffs
3 while attending training authorized by this subsection, not to
4 exceed the total number of training hours established in section
5 5, shall be reimbursed to the employing county by the
6 commission.

7 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.