

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 633 Session of
1999

INTRODUCED BY GREENLEAF, O'PAKE, BOSCOLA, COSTA AND STOUT,
MARCH 22, 1999

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, MARCH 22, 1999

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for education
3 and training programs for constables and deputy constables in
4 counties of the second class A.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 2944.1. Counties of second class A.

10 (a) County program.--A county of the second class A may
11 provide the education and training program required under this
12 subchapter for the constables and deputy constables who hold
13 office in the county.

14 (b) Notice.--The county shall notify the board in writing
15 that the county intends to provide the education and training
16 program. After establishing a program, if the county intends to
17 discontinue the program, the county shall notify the board in
18 writing that the county intends to discontinue the program. The

1 county shall provide the written notice at least 60 days before
2 the county begins the program or discontinues the program.

3 (c) Minimum standards.--A county's education and training
4 program shall at least meet the minimum standards established
5 under this subchapter and by the board for the Statewide
6 program. The board shall cooperate with the county in providing
7 information on the minimum standards which must be met. The
8 board may monitor the county's program to determine if the
9 county program meets the minimum standards.

10 (d) Certification.--The county shall issue appropriate
11 certificates to the constables and deputy constables who have
12 satisfactorily completed the county's education and training
13 program. The county shall forward to the board the names of the
14 constables and deputy constables who have received certificates.

15 (e) Surcharge.--If a county provides the education and
16 training program, the surcharge assessed in the county under
17 section 2949(b) (relating to restricted account) shall be
18 remitted by the issuing authority to the county for use in
19 implementing this section. The county shall keep the money
20 remitted in a special restricted account subject to audit by the
21 Auditor General.

22 (f) Construction of section.--Except as specifically
23 provided in this section, nothing in this section shall be
24 construed as relieving a constable or deputy constable of any of
25 the requirements of this subchapter.

26 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.