AN ACT

Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in employees, providing for mandatory firearms training for certain law enforcement agencies.

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

Section 1. Title 53 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

§ 2173. Mandatory firearms training for certain law enforcement agencies.

(a) General rule.--An officer in a law enforcement agency located in a county of the second class A with a population between 565,000 and 600,000 according to the 2020 Federal decennial census shall undergo and complete mandatory in-service firearms training courses conducted by a certified law enforcement firearms instructor at least four times each year.

(b) Documentation.--

(1) A certified law enforcement firearms instructor and a law enforcement agency's chief officer shall be responsible for producing and maintaining documentation of any in-service
firearms training courses an officer completes, including the number of rounds fired, the officer's scores and the firearms used in training.

(2) Documentation issued under this section shall be documented in the commission's Training and Certification System within 30 days of the end of each calendar year, including an officer's primary duty weapon qualification to maintain certification as an officer.

(c) Penalty.--An officer who fails to complete the training requirements under this section shall be placed on administrative leave until the requirements have been met.

(d) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Certified law enforcement firearms instructor." A firearms instructor authorized by the commission to conduct firearms training to a police officer within this Commonwealth.

"Law enforcement agency." A public agency of a municipality or county having general police powers and charged with making arrests in connection with the enforcement of criminal or traffic laws.

"Officer." A police officer employed by a law enforcement agency.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.