
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AND YOUNGBLOOD, OCTOBER 20, 2004

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, OCTOBER 20, 2004

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, defining "applicant" for purposes of
3 municipal police education and training; and further
4 providing for powers and duties of the Municipal Police
5 Officers' Education and Training Commission.

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

8 Section 1. Section 2162 of Title 53 of the Pennsylvania
9 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a definition to read:

10 § 2162. Definitions.

11 The following words and phrases when used in this subchapter
12 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
13 context clearly indicates otherwise:

14 "Applicant." A person who has applied to a school for basic
15 police education and training.

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17 Section 2. Section 2164 of Title 53 is amended by adding a

1 paragraph to read:

2 § 2164. Powers and duties of commission.

3 The powers and duties of the commission shall be as follows:

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5 (16) To require an applicant to submit fingerprints for
6 examination by the Pennsylvania State Police and the Federal
7 Bureau of Investigation to determine if the applicant has
8 been convicted of a felony or serious misdemeanor or if the
9 applicant is a wanted person. Fingerprinting shall be
10 conducted by the Pennsylvania State Police or a local law
11 enforcement agency capable of submitting the fingerprints
12 electronically to the Pennsylvania State Police utilizing the
13 Federal Automated Fingerprinting Identification System or in
14 a manner and in such form as may be provided by the
15 Pennsylvania State Police. The commissioner may waive the
16 Federal Bureau of Investigation examination. The applicant
17 shall pay any fee assessed by the Pennsylvania State Police
18 or a local law enforcement agency and such fee may not exceed
19 the actual cost incurred in conducting the fingerprinting and
20 background check. The submission of fingerprints and the
21 examination thereof, unless waived by the commissioner, shall
22 be completed prior to any firearms or tactic training at any
23 school. Criminal history record information obtained pursuant
24 to this section shall be governed by 18 Pa.C.S. Ch. 91
25 (relating to criminal history record information), except
26 that for purposes of this section, the administrator of a
27 school or the administrator's designee shall be permitted to
28 have access to outstanding warrant information contained in
29 the applicant's Federal or State criminal history record.

30 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.