
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 374 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY KRIEGER, KORTZ, DUNBAR, EVANKOVICH, D. COSTA, MURT
AND REESE, JANUARY 29, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 29, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in municipal police education and
3 training, further defining "police department" and "police
4 officer"; and further providing for reimbursement of expenses
5 and for payment of certain county costs.

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

8 Section 1. The definitions of "police department" and
9 "police officer" in section 2162 of Title 53 of the Pennsylvania
10 Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

11 § 2162. Definitions.

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

15 * * *

16 "Police department." Any of the following:

17 (1) A public agency of a political subdivision having
18 general police powers and charged with making arrests in
19 connection with the enforcement of the criminal or traffic

1 laws. This paragraph includes the sheriff's office in a
2 county of the second class.

3 (2) A campus police or university police department, as
4 used in section 2416 of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177,
5 No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, certified
6 by the Office of Attorney General as a criminal justice
7 agency under the definition of "criminal justice agency" in
8 18 Pa.C.S. § 9102 (relating to definitions). This paragraph
9 does not include a campus police or university police
10 department of the State System of Higher Education and its
11 member institutions.

12 (3) A railroad or street railway police department
13 formed with officers commissioned under 22 Pa.C.S. Ch. 33
14 (relating to railroad and street railway police) or any prior
15 statute providing for such commissioning.

16 (4) The Capitol Police.

17 (5) The Harrisburg International Airport Police.

18 (6) An airport authority police department.

19 (7) A county park police force under section 2511(b) of
20 the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The
21 County Code.

22 "Police officer." Any of the following:

23 (1) A full-time or part-time employee assigned to
24 criminal or traffic law enforcement duties of any of the
25 following:

26 (i) A police department of a county, city, borough,
27 town or township.

28 (ii) Any railroad or street railway police.

29 (iii) Any campus or university police department.

30 (iv) The Capitol Police.

- 1 (v) The Harrisburg International Airport Police.
2 (vi) An airport authority police department.
3 (2) A deputy sheriff of a county of the second class.
4 (3) A security officer of a first class city housing
5 authority or a police officer of a second class city housing
6 authority.
7 (4) A county park police officer.

8 The term excludes persons employed to check parking meters or
9 to perform only administrative duties and auxiliary and fire
10 police.

11 * * *

12 Section 2. Section 2170 of Title 53 is amended by adding a
13 subsection to read:

14 § 2170. Reimbursement of expenses.

15 * * *

16 (a.1) County park police.--A municipality shall be
17 ineligible for reimbursement for tuition and expenses for the
18 certified basic training of county park police.

19 * * *

20 Section 3. Section 2171 of Title 53 is amended to read:

21 § 2171. Payment of certain county costs.

22 (a) Second class counties.--Counties of the second class
23 shall be liable for costs incurred for the certification of
24 deputy sheriffs. The costs shall not exceed the sum per police
25 officer assessed against municipalities.

26 (b) Counties generally.--Counties shall be liable for the
27 costs incurred for any training required for the certification
28 of county park police officers.

29 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 90 days.