

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 59 Session of 2013

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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:

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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  
 20 laws. This paragraph includes the sheriff's office in a

1 county of the second class.

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

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

15 (4) The Capitol Police.

16 (5) The Harrisburg International Airport Police.

17 (6) An airport authority police department.

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

21 "Police officer." Any of the following:

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

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

27 (ii) Any railroad or street railway police.

28 (iii) Any campus or university police department.

29 (iv) The Capitol Police.

30 (v) The Harrisburg International Airport Police.

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

7 The term excludes persons employed to check parking meters or to

8 perform only administrative duties and auxiliary and fire

9 police.

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11       Section 2. Section 2170 of Title 53 is amended by adding a

12 subsection to read:

13 § 2170. Reimbursement of expenses.

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15       (a.1) County park police.--A municipality shall be

16 ineligible for reimbursement for tuition and expenses for the

17 certified basic training of county park police.

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

20 § 2171. Payment of certain county costs.

21       (a) Second class counties.--Counties of the second class

22 shall be liable for costs incurred for the certification of

23 deputy sheriffs. The costs shall not exceed the sum per police

24 officer assessed against municipalities.

25       (b) Counties generally.--Counties shall be liable for the

26 costs incurred for any training required for the certification

27 of county park police officers.

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