



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB5810

Introduced 11/10/2020, by Rep. Jaime M. Andrade, Jr.

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

50 ILCS 705/8.1 from Ch. 85, par. 508.1
50 ILCS 705/10.25 new
30 ILCS 805/8.45 new

Amends the Illinois Police Training Act. Provides that no probationary police officer beginning employment after the effective date of the amendatory Act shall receive a permanent appointment as a law enforcement officer unless he or she shall have obtained a bachelor's degree with a major or minor in social work. Provides that a law enforcement agency that offers tuition reimbursements for permanent police officers to go to school must also allow permanent police officers to request retroactively up to two years of tuition reimbursement for college or police academy tuition that was incurred before being hired as a police officer at the law enforcement agency only if the police officer qualified for financial aid while attending college or police academy. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

HOME RULE NOTE
ACT MAY APPLY

HOUSING
AFFORDABILITY
IMPACT NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Police Training Act is amended by
5 changing Section 8.1 and by adding Section 10.25 as follows:

6 (50 ILCS 705/8.1) (from Ch. 85, par. 508.1)

7 Sec. 8.1. Full-time police and county corrections
8 officers.

9 (a) After January 1, 1976, no person shall receive a
10 permanent appointment as a law enforcement officer as defined
11 in this Act nor shall any person receive, after the effective
12 date of this amendatory Act of 1984, a permanent appointment as
13 a county corrections officer unless that person has been
14 awarded, within 6 months of his or her initial full-time
15 employment, a certificate attesting to his or her successful
16 completion of the Minimum Standards Basic Law Enforcement and
17 County Correctional Training Course as prescribed by the Board;
18 or has been awarded a certificate attesting to his or her
19 satisfactory completion of a training program of similar
20 content and number of hours and which course has been found
21 acceptable by the Board under the provisions of this Act; or by
22 reason of extensive prior law enforcement or county corrections
23 experience the basic training requirement is determined by the

1 Board to be illogical and unreasonable.

2 If such training is required and not completed within the
3 applicable 6 months, then the officer must forfeit his or her
4 position, or the employing agency must obtain a waiver from the
5 Board extending the period for compliance. Such waiver shall be
6 issued only for good and justifiable reasons, and in no case
7 shall extend more than 90 days beyond the initial 6 months. Any
8 hiring agency that fails to train a law enforcement officer
9 within this period shall be prohibited from employing this
10 individual in a law enforcement capacity for one year from the
11 date training was to be completed. If an agency again fails to
12 train the individual a second time, the agency shall be
13 permanently barred from employing this individual in a law
14 enforcement capacity.

15 (a-5) No probationary police officer beginning employment
16 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 101st
17 General Assembly shall receive a permanent appointment as a law
18 enforcement officer as defined in this Act unless he or she
19 shall have obtained a bachelor's degree with a major or minor
20 in social work.

21 (b) No provision of this Section shall be construed to mean
22 that a law enforcement officer employed by a local governmental
23 agency at the time of the effective date of this amendatory
24 Act, either as a probationary police officer or as a permanent
25 police officer, shall require certification under the
26 provisions of this Section. No provision of this Section shall

1 be construed to mean that a county corrections officer employed
2 by a local governmental agency at the time of the effective
3 date of this amendatory Act of 1984, either as a probationary
4 county corrections or as a permanent county corrections
5 officer, shall require certification under the provisions of
6 this Section. No provision of this Section shall be construed
7 to apply to certification of elected county sheriffs.

8 (c) This Section does not apply to part-time police
9 officers or probationary part-time police officers.

10 (Source: P.A. 101-187, eff. 1-1-20.)

11 (50 ILCS 705/10.25 new)

12 Sec. 10.25. Tuition reimbursement. If a law enforcement
13 agency offers tuition reimbursements for permanent police
14 officers to go to school, then they must also allow permanent
15 police officers to request retroactively up to two years of
16 tuition reimbursement for college or police academy tuition
17 that was incurred before being hired as a police officer at the
18 law enforcement agency only if the police officer qualified for
19 financial aid while attending college or police academy.

20 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
21 Section 8.45 as follows:

22 (30 ILCS 805/8.45 new)

23 Sec. 8.45. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8

1 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the
2 implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory Act of
3 the 101st General Assembly.