

SB1925



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 2/26/2021, by Sen. Rachelle Crowe

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

50 ILCS 705/8.1

from Ch. 85, par. 508.1

55 ILCS 5/3-6001.5

Amends the Illinois Police Training Act. Provides that, in counties with a under 3,000,000 inhabitants, a person is not eligible to be elected or appointed to the office of sheriff after the effective date of the Act unless he or she has a certificate attesting to his or her successful completion of the Minimum Standards Basic Law Enforcement Officers Training Course as prescribed by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board or a substantially similar training program of another state or the federal government. Amends the Counties Code making a conforming change.

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A BILL FOR

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 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
13 as 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
18 Board; or has been awarded a certificate attesting to his or
19 her 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
23 corrections experience the basic training requirement is

1 determined by the 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
5 the Board extending the period for compliance. Such waiver
6 shall be issued only for good and justifiable reasons, and in
7 no case shall extend more than 90 days beyond the initial 6
8 months. Any hiring agency that fails to train a law
9 enforcement officer within this period shall be prohibited
10 from employing this individual in a law enforcement capacity
11 for one year from the date training was to be completed. If an
12 agency again fails to train the individual a second time, the
13 agency shall be permanently barred from employing this
14 individual in a law enforcement capacity.

15 (b) No provision of this Section shall be construed to
16 mean that a law enforcement officer employed by a local
17 governmental agency at the time of the effective date of this
18 amendatory Act, either as a probationary police officer or as
19 a permanent police officer, shall require certification under
20 the provisions of this Section. No provision of this Section
21 shall be construed to mean that a county corrections officer
22 employed by a local governmental agency at the time of the
23 effective date of this amendatory Act of 1984, either as a
24 probationary county corrections or as a permanent county
25 corrections officer, shall require certification under the
26 provisions of this Section. No provision of this Section shall

1 be construed to apply to certification of elected county
2 sheriffs in counties with over 3,000,000 inhabitants.

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

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

6 Section 10. The Counties Code is amended by changing
7 Section 3-6001.5 as follows:

8 (55 ILCS 5/3-6001.5)

9 Sec. 3-6001.5. Sheriff qualifications. ~~A On or after the~~
10 ~~effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General~~
11 ~~Assembly, except as otherwise provided in this Section, a~~
12 person is not eligible to be elected or appointed to the office
13 of sheriff, unless that person meets all of the following
14 requirements:

15 (1) Is a United States citizen.

16 (2) Has been a resident of the county for at least one
17 year.

18 (3) Is not a convicted felon.

19 (4) Has a certificate attesting to his or her
20 successful completion of the Minimum Standards Basic Law
21 Enforcement Officers Training Course as prescribed by the
22 Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board or a
23 substantially similar training program of another state or
24 the federal government. This paragraph does not apply to a

1 county with more than 3,000,000 inhabitants or to a
2 sheriff currently serving on the effective date of this
3 amendatory Act of the 102nd General Assembly.

4 (Source: P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13.)