

1 AN ACT concerning police officers.

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
5 by changing Section 8.2 and by adding Section 10.2 as
6 follows:

7 (50 ILCS 705/8.2)

8 Sec. 8.2. Part-time police officers.

9 (a) A person hired to serve as a part-time police
10 officer must obtain from the Board a certificate (i)
11 attesting to his or her successful completion of the
12 part-time police training course; (ii) attesting to his or
13 her satisfactory completion of a training program of similar
14 content and number of hours that has been found acceptable by
15 the Board under the provisions of this Act; or (iii)
16 attesting to the Board's determination that the part-time
17 police training course is unnecessary because of the person's
18 extensive prior law enforcement experience. A person hired on
19 or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
20 92nd General Assembly must obtain this certificate within 18
21 months after the initial date of hire as a probationary
22 part-time police officer in the State of Illinois. The
23 probationary part-time police officer must be enrolled and
24 accepted into a Board-approved course within 6 months after
25 active employment by any department in the State. A person
26 hired on or after January 1, 1996 and before the effective
27 date of this amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly must
28 obtain this certificate within 18 months after the date of
29 hire. A person hired before January 1, 1996 must obtain this
30 certificate within 24 months after the effective date of this
31 amendatory Act of 1995.

1 The employing agency may seek a waiver from the Board
2 extending the period for compliance. A waiver shall be
3 issued only for good and justifiable reasons, and the
4 probationary part-time police officer may not practice as a
5 part-time police officer during the waiver period and may not
6 extend--the-initial-period-by-more-than-90-days. If training
7 is required and not completed within the applicable time
8 period, as extended by any waiver that may be granted, then
9 the officer must forfeit his or her position.

10 (b) (Blank).

11 (c) The part-time police training course referred to in
12 this Section shall be of similar content and the same number
13 of hours as the courses for full-time officers and shall be
14 provided by Mobile Team In-Service Training Units under the
15 Intergovernmental Law Enforcement Officer's In-Service
16 Training Act or by another approved program or facility in a
17 manner prescribed by the Board.

18 (d) For the purposes of this Section, the Board shall
19 adopt rules defining what constitutes employment on a
20 part-time basis.

21 (Source: P.A. 89-170, eff. 1-1-96; 90-271, eff. 7-30-97.)

22 (50 ILCS 705/10.2 new)

23 Sec. 10.2. Criminal background investigations.

24 (a) On and after the effective date of this amendatory
25 Act of the 92nd General Assembly, an applicant for employment
26 as a peace officer shall authorize an investigation to
27 determine if the applicant has been convicted of any criminal
28 offense that disqualifies the person as a peace officer.

29 (b) No law enforcement agency may knowingly employ a
30 person unless (i) a criminal background investigation of that
31 person has been completed and (ii) that investigation reveals
32 no convictions of offenses specified in subsection (a) of
33 Section 6.1 of this Act.

1 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
2 Section 8.25 as follows:

3 (30 ILCS 805/8.25 new)

4 Sec. 8.25. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6
5 and 8 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required
6 for the implementation of any mandate created by this
7 amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly.

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
9 becoming law.