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ATTY/TYPIST: KS:akl

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Concerning basic law enforcement training.

1 AN ACT Relating to basic law enforcement training; amending RCW
2 43.101.200; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.101.200 and 2019 c 415 s 969 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) All law enforcement personnel(~~(, except)~~) who are not
7 volunteers(~~(,)~~) and reserve officers whether paid or unpaid,
8 initially employed on or after January 1, 1978, shall engage in basic
9 law enforcement training which complies with standards adopted by the
10 commission pursuant to RCW 43.101.080. (~~For personnel initially~~
11 ~~employed before January 1, 1990, such training shall be successfully~~
12 ~~completed during the first fifteen months of employment of such~~
13 ~~personnel unless otherwise extended or waived by the commission and~~
14 ~~shall be requisite to the continuation of such employment.))
15 Personnel (~~(initially employed on or after January 1, 1990,)~~) shall
16 commence basic training during the first six months of employment
17 unless the basic training requirement is otherwise waived or extended
18 by the commission. Successful completion of basic training is
19 requisite to the continuation of employment (~~(of such)~~) for all law
20 enforcement personnel (~~(initially employed on or after January 1,~~
21 ~~1990)~~).~~

1 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section and as
2 otherwise provided in this chapter, the commission shall provide the
3 aforementioned training together with necessary facilities, supplies,
4 materials, and the board and room of noncommuting attendees for seven
5 days per week, except during the 2017-2019 and 2019-2021 fiscal
6 biennia when the employing, county, city, or state law enforcement
7 agency shall reimburse the commission for twenty-five percent of the
8 cost of training its personnel. Additionally, to the extent funds are
9 provided for this purpose, the commission shall reimburse to
10 participating law enforcement agencies with ten or less full-time
11 commissioned patrol officers the cost of temporary replacement of
12 each officer who is enrolled in basic law enforcement training:
13 PROVIDED, That such reimbursement shall include only the actual cost
14 of temporary replacement not to exceed the total amount of salary and
15 benefits received by the replaced officer during his or her training
16 period.

17 (3) Until July 1, 2025, an employing county, city, or state law
18 enforcement agency may provide basic law enforcement training which
19 complies with the standards adopted by the commission pursuant to RCW
20 43.101.080. Such training must be provided within the budget of the
21 agency with no contribution from the state. To qualify, the agency
22 must be granted a certificate of equivalency from the commission and
23 must:

- 24 (a) Have curriculum aligned with and approved by the commission;
25 (b) Utilize commission certified instructors and officers to
26 train recruits; and
27 (c) Be subject to periodic compliance audits by the commission.

28 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. (1) No later than November 1, 2024, the
29 criminal justice training commission, in consultation with
30 participating agencies, shall provide a written report to the
31 governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature analyzing
32 the effectiveness of the delivery of basic law enforcement training
33 through agencies certified pursuant to RCW 43.101.200(3). The report
34 must include a list of the agencies that have been granted a
35 certificate of equivalency; a comparison of the recruit failure rate
36 and length of time to completion for individuals receiving training
37 through the commission and those receiving training through
38 equivalent training programs; the cost to deliver basic law

1 enforcement training in both training programs; and the results of
2 audits completed by the commission.

3 (2) This section expires July 1, 2025.

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