

SENATE No. 1414

By Ms. McGovern, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1414) of Patricia McGovern for legislation relative to the training of persons exercising police powers. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-four.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TRAINING OF PERSONS EXERCISING
POLICE POWERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 96B of Chapter 41 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by the deletion of the third paragraph of said sec-
3 tion, as amended by Chapter 932 of the Acts of 1977, and the
4 insertion in lieu thereof of the following two paragraphs:

5 Every person appointed to a position or otherwise serving
6 in a role, the duties of which include the exercise of police
7 powers on either a full-time or part-time basis in a municipali-
8 ty, a county, or any department, agency, commission, institu-
9 tion, facility, or authority of the state government (except for
10 the division of state police of the department of public safe-
11 ty), shall, prior to the exercise of such police powers, satisfac-
12 torily complete a course of study prescribed by the Council.

13 Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, no
14 one shall offer any training program for any regularly ap-
15 pointed full-time or other than full-time police officer (except
16 for appointees of the division of state police in the department
17 of public safety), unless such program is approved by the
18 Council. Said Council shall establish criteria for approval of
19 all such programs and courses.

