

HOUSE No. 2097

By Mr. Hall of Westford (by request), petition of Joseph R. Connell for legislation to require police recruits to pay for their basic training at the time they are inducted into the police service. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Four.

AN ACT TO REQUIRE POLICE RECRUITS TO PAY THEIR BASIC TRAINING AT THE TIME THEY ARE INDUCTED INTO THE POLICE SERVICE.

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

1 Chapter 41 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking
2 out section 96B, as most recently amended by section 10 of
3 chapter 760 of the Acts of 1981, and inserting in place thereof the
4 following section: —

5 Section 96B. Every person, prior to receiving an appointment
6 to a position on a permanent full-time basis in which he will
7 exercise police powers in the Massachusetts Department of Public
8 Safety, a municipal police department, the metropolitan district
9 commission police, Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority
10 Police, capitol police, or the division of law enforcement within
11 the department of fisheries, wildlife and recreational vehicles, and
12 any employee of the registry of motor vehicles who will exercise
13 police powers shall satisfactorily complete a prescribed course of
14 study at a police training school approved by the Massachusetts
15 criminal justice training council, hereinafter referred to as the
16 council. The tuition and all other expenses incidental thereto shall
17 be paid by the person attending the school.

18 Every person, prior to receiving an appointment as a reserve,
19 or intermittent police officer, in a city or town shall, prior to
20 exercising any police powers, satisfactorily complete a course of
21 study prescribed by the council. All expenses in connection
22 therewith shall be paid by the person seeking such an
23 appointment.

24 Every regular police officer on a permanent full-time basis in
25 any municipal police department, the metropolitan district
26 commission police, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation
27 Authority police, capitol police, or the division of law enforcement
28 of the secretary of the executive office of environmental affairs
29 or an employee of the registry of motor vehicles having police
30 powers shall be assigned to and shall attend a regional or
31 municipal police training school approved by the council for the
32 purpose of completing an approved course of study of in-service
33 training at such intervals and for such periods of time as the
34 council may determine. While attending such school or
35 completing such courses, such person shall be paid his regular
36 wages as may be determined by the appointing authority.

37 The appointing authority shall submit to the council, within one
38 month of appointment, the name and date of appointment of any
39 person who will exercise police powers.

40 Every municipal, county and state employee employed by the
41 department of corrections, the division of youth service, the parole
42 board or any county correctional institution whose duties require
43 contact with persons committed to institutions or on parole from
44 such institutions shall complete a course of study as prescribed
45 by the Massachusetts criminal justice training council at such time
46 and at such intervals as it shall determine. Exemption for
47 employees described in this paragraph from the requirement that
48 training be completed prior to exercising any police powers may
49 be waived by the Massachusetts criminal justice training council
50 for individuals enrolled in specific training programs.