



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 122**

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Substitute House Bill No. 6191

*House of Representatives, April 1, 2003*

The Committee on Public Safety reported through REP. DARGAN of the 115th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENT BY LAW ENFORCEMENT UNITS FOR THE COSTS OF TRAINING POLICE OFFICERS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Whenever a police officer is  
2 certified under the provisions of subsection (a) of section 7-294d of the  
3 general statutes while on the payroll of a law enforcement unit and is  
4 subsequently hired by another law enforcement unit within two years  
5 of such certification, the law enforcement unit hiring the police officer  
6 shall reimburse the law enforcement unit paying the cost of  
7 certification as follows: (1) If the police officer is hired not more than  
8 one year after certification, reimbursement shall be the full cost, (2) if  
9 the police officer is hired more than one year, but less than two years,  
10 after certification, reimbursement shall be two-thirds of the cost of  
11 certification, and (3) if the police officer is hired more than two years  
12 after certification, there shall be no reimbursement.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

**PS**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Type	FY 04 \$	FY 05 \$
Public Safety, Dept.	GF - Cost	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:**

Municipalities	Effect	FY 04 \$	FY 05 \$
Various Municipalities	Cost	Minimal	Minimal

**Explanation**

The bill requires that a law enforcement unit be reimbursed for officer certification costs when another law enforcement unit subsequently hires one of its officers within two years after such certification. While the bill is unclear as to what exactly these costs are, they may include an officer’s salary and fringes during the training period; and costs related to physical and mental examinations, investigations and background checks. For a single officer, these costs could be \$10,000 - \$25,000.

Approximately 275 - 340 municipal police officers are annually certified through the Police Officers Standards & Training Council (POST). It is estimated that 1% - 2% transfer from one law enforcement unit to another within the first two years.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Current law requires officers with less than two years service to return to the Police Academy to repeat training if they desire to transfer to another law enforcement unit. POST has both waived this requirement where there is an agreement between the units involved in the transfer and denied the request for transfer where no agreement exists.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires any law enforcement unit that hires a Police Officer Standards and Training Council-certified police officer from another law enforcement unit within two years of such certification to reimburse the original unit the cost of certification as follows: full cost, if the hiring takes place within the first year after certification and two-thirds of the cost if the hiring takes place after one year but less than two years after certification. No reimbursement is required for officers hired more than two years after certification.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Safety Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 22 Nay 0