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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 14-218—SB 426 (VETOED)

Public Safety and Security Committee

AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENT OF THE COSTS OF CERTIFICATION FOR A POLICE OFFICER

SUMMARY: This act requires any law enforcement unit that hires an officer from another law enforcement unit, on or after the act's passage, within two years after the officer is certified by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POST) to reimburse the initial hiring unit the total cost of certification. The "cost of certification" is the cost of training, equipment, uniforms, salary and fringe benefits, and any cost related to the council's entry-level requirements. It does not include any equipment or uniforms the officer returns.

The act does not require reimbursement for a certified employed officer hired by another law enforcement unit two or more years after being certified. It does not affect any agreement between a police officer, collective bargaining unit, or law enforcement unit entered into before its effective date to reimburse the cost of certification.

For purposes of the act, a "law enforcement unit" means any state or municipal agency, organ, or department (or tribal agency, organ, or department created or governed under a legal memorandum of agreement) whose primary functions include enforcing criminal or traffic laws; preserving public order; protecting life and property; or preventing, detecting, or investigating crime.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND

POST

The council (1) trains, certifies, and establishes minimum qualifications for municipal police officers and others and (2) enforces professional standards for certifying and decertifying them.

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