

1 AN ACT relating to peace officers.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 15.391 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) As used in this section:

5 (a) "Agency" means any law enforcement agency, or other unit of government  
6 listed in KRS 15.380, that employs a certified peace officer;

7 (b) "Final order" has the same meaning as in KRS 13B.010;

8 (c) "General employment policy" means a rule, regulation, policy, or procedure  
9 commonly applicable to the general workforce or civilian employees that is  
10 not unique to law enforcement activities or the exercise of peace officer  
11 authority, regardless of whether the rule, regulation, policy, or procedure  
12 exists or appears in a manual or handbook that is solely applicable to a law  
13 enforcement department or agency within the unit of government employing  
14 the officer;

15 **(d) "Investigating agency" means an agency that investigates the use of force**  
16 **by peace officers, including but not limited to the employing agency;**

17 **(e)[(d)] "Professional malfeasance" means engaging in an act in one's**  
18 **professional capacity as a peace officer that violates a federal, state, or local**  
19 **law or regulation, *or any act that involves the following:***

20 **1. The unjustified use of excessive or deadly force, as determined by an**  
21 **investigating agency;**

22 **2. Any intentional action by a peace officer that interferes with or alters**  
23 **the fair administration of justice, including but not limited to**  
24 **tampering with evidence, giving of false testimony, or the intentional**  
25 **disclosure of confidential information in a manner that compromises**  
26 **the integrity of an official investigation;**

27 **3. Engaging in a sexual relationship with an individual the peace officer**

1                    *knows or should have known is a victim, witness, defendant, or*  
 2                    *informant in an ongoing criminal investigation in which the peace*  
 3                    *officer is directly involved;*

4            ~~(f)~~~~(e)~~ "Professional nonfeasance" means a failure to perform one's professional  
 5            duty as a peace officer through omission or inaction that violates a federal,  
 6            state, or local law or regulation, *or any failure to act that involves the*  
 7            *following:*

- 8            *1. The failure to intervene when it is safe and practical to do so in any*  
 9            *circumstance where it is clear and apparent to the peace officer that*  
 10           *another peace officer is engaging in the use of unlawful and*  
 11           *unjustified excessive or deadly force; or*  
 12           *2. The intentional failure to disclose exculpatory or impeachment*  
 13           *evidence that the peace officer knew or should have known to be*  
 14           *materially favorable to an accused for the purpose of altering the fair*  
 15           *administration of justice;* and

16           ~~(g)~~~~(f)~~ "Regulation" means:

- 17           1. A federal or state administrative regulation adopted by a federal or state  
 18           executive branch; and  
 19           2. A local rule, regulation, policy, or procedure adopted by ordinance,  
 20           order, or resolution, or other official action by an agency. However,  
 21           "regulation" does not mean a general employment policy.

22           (2) (a) The certification of a peace officer shall be *deemed automatically* revoked by  
 23           the council *by operation of the law* for one (1) or more of the following:

- 24           1. Certification that was the result of an administrative error;  
 25           2. Plea of guilty to, conviction of, or entering of an Alford plea to any *state*  
 26           *or federal* felony, *or any criminal offense committed in another state*  
 27           *that would constitute a felony if committed in this state;*

- 1           3. Prohibition by federal or state law from possessing a firearm;~~[or]~~
- 2           4. Receipt of a dishonorable discharge or bad conduct discharge from any
- 3           branch of the Armed Forces of the United States; or
- 4           **5. Willful falsification of information to obtain or maintain certification.**
- 5           (b) **1.** A peace officer whose certification is revoked pursuant to paragraph (a)
- 6           of this subsection may file an appeal **at any time** with the council. If an
- 7           appeal is filed, the council shall conduct an administrative hearing
- 8           pursuant to KRS Chapter 13B to consider the reinstatement of the peace
- 9           officer's certification if the revocation was made in error or the condition
- 10          requiring revocation was removed or remedied.
- 11          **2. The council may impose any reasonable condition upon the**
- 12          **reinstatement of the certification it may deem warranted under the**
- 13          **facts of the appeal.**
- 14          **3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the council may**
- 15          **subpoena or request a court to subpoena records that are necessary to**
- 16          **provide evidence that will permit the council to evaluate whether the**
- 17          **cause for revocation has been remedied or removed. Any confidential**
- 18          **or medical information received by the council under this**
- 19          **subparagraph shall retain its confidential character.**
- 20          **4. The reversal or any other type of invalidation of a conviction by an**
- 21          **appellate court shall constitute the removal or remedy of a condition**
- 22          **requiring revocation. However, an expungement of a felony offense**
- 23          **shall not be considered a removal or remedy that constitutes grounds**
- 24          **for the reinstatement of the peace officer's certification under this**
- 25          **paragraph.**
- 26          **5. A final order issued by the council denying reinstatement of**
- 27          **certification may be appealed pursuant to the provisions of KRS**

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- (3) (a) The certification of a peace officer may be revoked by the council for one (1) or more of the following:
1. ~~Termination of the peace officer for willful falsification of information to obtain or maintain certified status;~~
  2. ~~Termination of the peace officer for failure to meet or maintain training requirements, unless the certification is in inactive status. As used in this subparagraph, "inactive status" has the same meaning as in KRS 15.386;~~
  - 2.~~3.~~ ~~Termination of the peace officer for professional malfeasance or professional nonfeasance by his or her agency;~~
  - 3.~~4.~~ **Termination of the peace officer following the plea of guilty to, conviction of, or entering of an Alford plea to any misdemeanor offense, in this state or out of it, that involves:**
    - a. **Dishonesty;**
    - b. **Fraud;**
    - c. **Deceit;**
    - d. **Misrepresentation;**
    - e. **Physical violence;**
    - f. **Sexual abuse; or**
    - g. **Crimes against a minor or a family or household member;**
  4. **Receipt of general discharge under other than honorable conditions from any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States that results in the termination of the peace officer from his or her agency; or**
  5. Resignation or retirement of the peace officer while he or she is under criminal investigation or administrative investigation for professional malfeasance or professional nonfeasance that, in the judgment of the agency that employed the peace officer, would have likely resulted in the

1 termination of that peace officer had the facts leading to the  
 2 investigation~~[it]~~ been substantiated prior to his or her resignation or  
 3 retirement~~[-or~~

4 ~~5. Receipt of general discharge under other than honorable conditions from~~  
 5 ~~any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States that results in the~~  
 6 ~~termination of the peace officer from his or her agency].~~

7 (b) The council shall review ~~[any allegations or ]~~reports of events described in  
 8 paragraph (a)~~[1. to 5.]~~ of this subsection to determine whether the  
 9 event~~[allegation or report]~~ warrants the initiation of proceedings by the  
 10 council to revoke a peace officer's certification. If the council determines to  
 11 initiate proceedings to revoke a peace officer's certification under this  
 12 subsection~~[based on the allegation or report]~~, the administrative hearing shall  
 13 be conducted pursuant to KRS Chapter 13B. A final order by the council  
 14 revoking certification may be appealed pursuant to the provisions of KRS  
 15 13B.140.

16 (4) ~~[A peace officer may appeal a final order issued by the council denying~~  
 17 ~~reinstatement of his or her certification pursuant to subsection (2) of this section or~~  
 18 ~~revoking his or her certification pursuant to subsection (3) of this section as~~  
 19 ~~provided in KRS 13B.140.~~

20 ~~(5) ]~~(a) An agency:

21 1. That has knowledge of a peace officer in its employment who meets any  
 22 of the revocation conditions outlined in subsection (2) of this section  
 23 shall report that condition to the council within fifteen (15) days of  
 24 gaining knowledge;

25 2. That terminated a peace officer for any of the revocation conditions  
 26 outlined in subsection (3)(a)1., 2., 3., or ~~4.~~~~[5.]~~ of this section shall report  
 27 that condition to the council within fifteen (15) days of the termination;

1 and

2 3. That would have likely terminated a peace officer for the revocation  
3 condition outlined in subsection (3)(a)~~5.4.~~ of this section shall report  
4 that condition to the council within fifteen (15) days of the peace  
5 officer's resignation or retirement. If an agency reports pursuant to this  
6 subparagraph, the agency shall notify the peace officer that a report has  
7 been made.

8 (b) If an agency fails to make a report required by this subsection, the council may  
9 suspend the agency from participation in the Kentucky Law Enforcement  
10 Foundation Program fund. However, the time that an agency may be  
11 suspended by the council under this paragraph shall not exceed five (5) years.

12 ~~(5)(6)~~ The council may promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with  
13 KRS Chapter 13A to implement this section.

14 ➔Section 2. KRS 15.392 is amended to read as follows:

15 (1) Within ten (10) working days from separation from service, the chief executive  
16 officer of the employing agency or his designee shall file with the council a  
17 summary report that provides the relevant information about the person's separation  
18 from service.

19 (2) If the person separated from service has successfully completed basic training at a  
20 school certified or recognized by the council, the council shall place the certification  
21 on inactive status. Placement of certification on inactive status shall not prevent the  
22 council from subsequently instituting an action to revoke an officer's certification in  
23 appropriate cases in accordance with KRS 15.391 ~~for any reason justifying revoked~~  
24 ~~or denied status pursuant to KRS 15.386, the council shall revoke the person's~~  
25 ~~certification].~~

26 (3) If the person has been separated from service or has not successfully completed  
27 basic training at a school certified or recognized by the council and fails to meet the

1 requirements of KRS 15.400(1), the certification shall lapse.

2 (4) If the person has been separated due to death, the certification shall be retired.

3 ➔SECTION 3. A NEW SECTION OF KRS 15.310 TO 15.510 IS CREATED TO  
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 (1) As used in this section, "agency" means any law enforcement agency, or other  
6 unit of government listed in KRS 15.380, that employs a certified peace officer.

7 (2) Subject to subsection (5) of this section, any agency may make a conditional offer  
8 of employment to a candidate pending its receipt and evaluation of a response to  
9 its request for information from:

10 (a) The council regarding the certification status of any candidate, including if  
11 the council has:

12 1. Received any notification under subsection (4) of Section 1 of this Act  
13 related to the candidate;

14 2. Initiated hearing procedures under Section 1 of this Act against the  
15 candidate; or

16 3. Started investigating whether to initiate hearing procedures for the  
17 revocation of the certification of the candidate under Section 1 of this  
18 Act; or

19 (b) Any agency that previously employed the candidate for any information the  
20 agency is required to provide under subsection (3) of this section.

21 (3) Any agency that receives an inquiry under subsection (2) of this section from  
22 another agency regarding a candidate for a peace officer position who was  
23 formerly employed by the agency shall provide the following documentation to  
24 the hiring agency:

25 (a) A complete copy of the peace officer's personnel file;

26 (b) Any documentation related to the arrest or prosecution of the peace officer  
27 that the agency maintained;

1        (c) Any documentation related to a completed internal administrative  
2                    investigation of the peace officer; and

3        (d) Any documentation related to an incomplete internal administrative  
4                    investigation of the peace officer that was not completed because of the  
5                    officer's resignation or retirement while the investigation was pending.

6        (4) The council and any agency that receives a request for information shall provide  
7                    it to the requesting hiring agency no later than fourteen (14) days following the  
8                    receipt of the request.

9        (5) The hiring agency that elects to make a conditional offer of employment subject  
10                   to its receipt and evaluation of information pursuant to this section shall require  
11                   the candidate to complete a waiver and release of liability authorizing the hiring  
12                   agency to request the information from all prior agencies, which may include  
13                   employing agencies outside of the Commonwealth.

14        (6) The council, any agency, and the employees and officers of the council or any  
15                   agency shall be immune from any civil liability for disclosing information  
16                   pursuant to the provisions of this section and from any civil liability for the  
17                   consequences of such a disclosure unless the information disclosed was  
18                   knowingly false or deliberately misleading, was rendered with malicious purpose,  
19                   or was in violation of any civil right of the former employee.

20        ➔SECTION 4. A NEW SECTION OF KRS 15.310 TO 15.510 IS CREATED TO  
21 READ AS FOLLOWS:

22        If requested by an out-of-state law enforcement agency, the council shall provide the  
23        following information regarding the certification status of any candidate for  
24        employment, including if the council has:

25        (1) Received any notification under subsection (4) of Section 1 of this Act related to  
26                   the candidate;

27        (2) Initiated hearing procedures under Section 1 of this Act against the candidate; or



1 **(3) Started investigating whether to initiate hearing procedures for the revocation of**  
2 **the certification of the candidate under Section 1 of this Act.**

3 ➔Section 5. KRS 15.440 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) Each unit of government that meets the following requirements shall be eligible to  
5 share in the distribution of funds from the Law Enforcement Foundation Program  
6 fund:

7 (a) Employs one (1) or more police officers;

8 (b) Pays every police officer at least the minimum federal wage;

9 (c) Requires all police officers to have, at a minimum, a high school degree, or its  
10 equivalent as determined by the council, except that each police officer  
11 employed prior to the date on which the officer's police department was  
12 included as a participant under KRS 15.410 to 15.510 shall be deemed to have  
13 met the requirements of this subsection;

14 (d) 1. Requires all police officers to successfully complete a basic training  
15 course of nine hundred twenty-eight (928) hours' duration within one (1)  
16 year of the date of employment at a school certified or recognized by the  
17 council, which may provide a different number of hours of instruction as  
18 established in this paragraph, except that each police officer employed  
19 prior to the date on which the officer's police department was included  
20 as a participant under KRS 15.410 to 15.510 shall be deemed to have  
21 met the requirements of this subsection.

22 2. As the exclusive method by which the number of hours required for  
23 basic training courses shall be modified from that which is specifically  
24 established by this paragraph, the council may, by the promulgation of  
25 administrative regulations in accordance with the provisions of KRS  
26 Chapter 13A, explicitly set the exact number of hours for basic training  
27 at a number different from nine hundred twenty-eight (928) hours based

1                   upon a training curriculum approved by the Kentucky Law Enforcement  
2                   Council as determined by a validated job task analysis.

3                   3. If the council sets an exact number of hours different from nine hundred  
4                   twenty-eight (928) in an administrative regulation as provided by this  
5                   paragraph, it shall not further change the number of hours required for  
6                   basic training without promulgating administrative regulations in  
7                   accordance with the provisions of KRS Chapter 13A.

8                   4. Nothing in this paragraph shall be interpreted to prevent the council,  
9                   pursuant to its authority under KRS 15.330, from approving training  
10                  schools with a curriculum requiring attendance of a number of hours that  
11                  exceeds nine hundred twenty-eight (928) hours or the number of hours  
12                  established in an administrative regulation as provided by subparagraphs  
13                  2. and 3. of this paragraph. However, the training programs and schools  
14                  for the basic training of law enforcement personnel conducted by the  
15                  department pursuant to KRS 15A.070 shall not contain a curriculum that  
16                  requires attendance of a number of hours for basic training that is  
17                  different from nine hundred twenty-eight (928) hours or the number of  
18                  hours established in an administrative regulation promulgated by the  
19                  council pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 13A as provided by  
20                  subparagraphs 2. and 3. of this paragraph.

21                  5. KRS 15.400 and 15.404(1), and subparagraphs 1. to 4. of this paragraph  
22                  to the contrary notwithstanding, the council may, through the  
23                  promulgation of administrative regulations in accordance with KRS  
24                  Chapter 13A, approve basic training credit for:

25                  a. Years of service credit as a law enforcement officer with previous  
26                  service in another state; and

27                  b. Basic training completed in another state.

- 1           6.   KRS 15.400 and 15.404(1) and subparagraphs 1. to 4. of this paragraph  
2           to the contrary notwithstanding, the council may, through the  
3           promulgation of administrative regulations in accordance with KRS  
4           Chapter 13A, approve basic training credit for:
- 5           a.   Completion of eight hundred forty-eight (848) hours of training at  
6           a school established pursuant to KRS 15A.070;
  - 7           b.   A minimum of fifteen (15) years of experience as a certified law  
8           enforcement instructor at a school established pursuant to KRS  
9           15A.070;
  - 10          c.   Completion of an average of forty (40) hours of Kentucky Law  
11          Enforcement Council approved in-service training annually from  
12          January 1, 1997, through January 1, 2020;
  - 13          d.   ~~Completion of all mandatory training obligations under KRS~~  
14          ~~15.334 from January 1, 1997, to January 1, 2020;~~
  - 15          e. ~~—~~ Three (3) years of active, full-time service as a:
    - 16           i.   City, county, urban-county, charter county, consolidated  
17           local, or unified local government police officer;
    - 18           ii.  Sheriff's deputy, excluding special deputies appointed under  
19           KRS 70.045;
    - 20           iii. Department of Kentucky State Police officer; or
    - 21           iv.  Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources  
22           conservation officer exercising peace officer powers under  
23           KRS 150.090; and
  - 24          e.~~ff.~~ Completion of the:
    - 25           i.   Twenty-four (24) hour legal update Penal Code course;
    - 26           ii.  Sixteen (16) hour legal update constitutional procedure  
27           course; and

- 1                   iii. Forty (40) hour basic officer skills course within one (1) year  
2                   prior to applying for certification;
- 3       (e) Requires all police officers to successfully complete each calendar year an in-  
4       service training course, appropriate to the officer's rank and responsibility and  
5       the size and location of the officer's police department, of forty (40) hours'  
6       duration, at a school certified or recognized by the council which may include  
7       a four (4) hour course which meets the requirements of paragraph (j) of this  
8       subsection. This in-service training requirement shall be waived for the period  
9       of time that a peace officer is serving on active duty in the United States  
10      Armed Forces. This waiver shall be retroactive for peace officers from the  
11      date of September 11, 2001;
- 12      (f) Complies with all provisions of law applicable to police officers or police  
13      departments, including transmission of data to the centralized criminal history  
14      record information system as required by KRS 17.150 and transmission of  
15      reports as required by KRS 15.391;
- 16      (g) Complies with all rules and regulations, appropriate to the size and location of  
17      the police department issued by the cabinet to facilitate the administration of  
18      the fund and further the purposes of KRS 15.410 to 15.510;
- 19      (h) Possesses a written policy and procedures manual related to domestic violence  
20      for law enforcement agencies that has been approved by the cabinet. The  
21      policy shall comply with the provisions of KRS 403.715 to 403.785. The  
22      policy shall include a purpose statement; definitions; supervisory  
23      responsibilities; procedures for twenty-four (24) hour access to protective  
24      orders; procedures for enforcement of court orders or relief when protective  
25      orders are violated; procedures for timely and contemporaneous reporting of  
26      adult abuse and domestic violence to the Cabinet for Health and Family  
27      Services, Department for Community Based Services; victim rights,

1 assistance, and service responsibilities; and duties related to timely completion  
2 of records;

3 (i) Possesses by January 1, 2017, a written policy and procedures manual related  
4 to sexual assault examinations that meets the standards provided by, and has  
5 been approved by, the cabinet, and which includes:

- 6 1. A requirement that evidence collected as a result of an examination  
7 performed under KRS 216B.400 be taken into custody within five (5)  
8 days of notice from the collecting facility that the evidence is available  
9 for retrieval;
- 10 2. A requirement that evidence received from a collecting facility relating  
11 to an incident which occurred outside the jurisdiction of the police  
12 department be transmitted to a police department with jurisdiction  
13 within ten (10) days of its receipt by the police department;
- 14 3. A requirement that all evidence retrieved from a collecting facility under  
15 this paragraph be transmitted to the Department of Kentucky State  
16 Police forensic laboratory within thirty (30) days of its receipt by the  
17 police department;
- 18 4. A requirement that a suspect standard, if available, be transmitted to the  
19 Department of Kentucky State Police forensic laboratory with the  
20 evidence received from a collecting facility; and
- 21 5. A process for notifying the victim from whom the evidence was  
22 collected of the progress of the testing, whether the testing resulted in a  
23 match to other DNA samples, and if the evidence is to be destroyed. The  
24 policy may include provisions for delaying notice until a suspect is  
25 apprehended or the office of the Commonwealth's attorney consents to  
26 the notification, but shall not automatically require the disclosure of the  
27 identity of any person to whom the evidence matched; and

- 1 (j) Requires all police officers to successfully complete by December 31, 2022,  
2 and every two (2) years thereafter, a training course certified by the council of  
3 not less than four (4) hours in emergency vehicle operation.
- 4 (2) A unit of government which meets the criteria of this section shall be eligible to  
5 continue sharing in the distribution of funds from the Law Enforcement Foundation  
6 Program fund only if the police department of the unit of government remains in  
7 compliance with the requirements of this section.
- 8 (3) Deputies employed by a sheriff's office shall be eligible to participate in the  
9 distribution of funds from the Law Enforcement Foundation Program fund  
10 regardless of participation by the sheriff.
- 11 (4) Failure to meet a deadline established in a policy adopted pursuant to subsection  
12 (1)(i) of this section for the retrieval or submission of evidence shall not be a basis  
13 for a dismissal of a criminal action or a bar to the admissibility of the evidence in a  
14 criminal action.

15 ➔Section 6. KRS 15.382 is amended to read as follows:

16 A person certified after December 1, 1998, under KRS 15.380 to 15.404 or qualified  
17 under the requirements set forth in subsection (1)(d)6. of Section 5 of this Act shall, at  
18 the time of becoming certified, meet the following minimum qualifications:

- 19 (1) Be a citizen of the United States;
- 20 (2) Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age;
- 21 (3) (a) Be a high school graduate, regardless of whether the school is accredited or  
22 certified by a governing body, provided that the education received met the  
23 attendance and curriculum standards of Kentucky law at the time of  
24 graduation, as determined by the Kentucky Department of Education; or
- 25 (b) Possess a High School Equivalency Diploma;
- 26 (4) Possess a valid license to operate a motor vehicle;
- 27 (5) Be fingerprinted for a criminal background check;

- 1 (6) Not have been convicted of any felony;
- 2 (7) Not be prohibited by federal or state law from possessing a firearm;
- 3 (8) Have received and read the Kentucky Law Enforcement Officers Code of Ethics as  
4 established by the council;
- 5 (9) Have not received a dishonorable discharge, bad conduct discharge, or general  
6 discharge under other than honorable conditions, if having served in any branch of  
7 the Armed Forces of the United States;
- 8 (10) Have passed a medical examination as defined by the council by administrative  
9 regulation and provided by a licensed physician, physician assistant, or advanced  
10 practice registered nurse to determine if he can perform peace officer duties as  
11 determined by a validated job task analysis. However, if the employing agency has  
12 its own validated job task analysis, the person shall pass the medical examination,  
13 appropriate to the agency's job task analysis, of the employing agency. All agencies  
14 shall certify passing medical examination results to the council, which shall accept  
15 them as complying with KRS 15.310 to 15.510;
- 16 (11) Have passed a drug screening test administered or approved by the council by  
17 administrative regulation. A person shall be deemed to have passed a drug screening  
18 test if the results of the test are negative for the use of an illegal controlled  
19 substance or prescription drug abuse. Any agency that administers its own test that  
20 meets or exceeds this standard shall certify passing test results to the council, which  
21 shall accept them as complying with KRS 15.310 to 15.510;
- 22 (12) Have undergone a background investigation established or approved by the council  
23 by administrative regulation to determine suitability for the position of a peace  
24 officer. If the employing agency has established its own background investigation  
25 that meets or exceeds the standards of the council, as set forth by administrative  
26 regulation, the agency shall conduct the background investigation and shall certify  
27 background investigation results to the council, which shall accept them as

- 1           complying with KRS 15.310 to 15.510;
- 2   (13) Have been interviewed by the employing agency;
- 3   (14) Not have had certification as a peace officer permanently revoked in another state;
- 4   (15) Have taken a psychological suitability screening administered or approved by the  
5       council by administrative regulation to determine the person's suitability to perform  
6       peace officer duties as determined by a council validated job task analysis.  
7       However, if the employing agency has its own validated job task analysis, the  
8       person shall take that agency's psychological examination, appropriate to the  
9       agency's job task analysis. All agencies shall certify psychological examination  
10      results to the council, which shall accept them as complying with KRS 15.310 to  
11      15.510;
- 12   (16) Have passed a physical agility test administered or approved by the council by  
13      administrative regulation to determine his suitability to perform peace officer duties  
14      as determined by a council validated job task analysis. However, if the employing  
15      agency has its own validated job task analysis, the person shall take the physical  
16      agility examination of the employing agency. All agencies shall certify physical  
17      agility examination results to the council, which shall accept them as demonstrating  
18      compliance with KRS 15.310 to 15.510; and
- 19   (17) Have taken a polygraph examination administered or approved by the council by  
20      administrative regulation to determine his suitability to perform peace officer duties.  
21      Any agency that administers its own polygraph examination as approved by the  
22      council shall certify the results that indicate whether a person is suitable for  
23      employment as a peace officer to the council, which shall accept them as complying  
24      with KRS 15.310 to 15.510.

25       ➔Section 7. KRS 15.386 is amended to read as follows:

26   The following certification categories shall exist:

- 27   (1) "Precertification status" means that the officer is currently employed or appointed



1 by an agency and meets or exceeds all those minimum qualifications set forth in  
2 KRS 15.382, but has not successfully completed a basic training course, except  
3 those peace officers covered by KRS 15.400. Upon the council's verification that  
4 the minimum qualifications have been met, the officer shall have full peace officer  
5 powers as authorized under the statute under which he or she was appointed or  
6 employed. If an officer fails to successfully complete a basic training course within  
7 one (1) year of employment, his or her enforcement powers shall automatically  
8 terminate, unless that officer is actively enrolled and participating in a basic training  
9 course or, after having begun a basic training course, is on an approved extension of  
10 time due to injury or extenuating circumstances;

11 (2) "Certification status" means that unless the certification is in revoked status or  
12 inactive status, the officer is currently employed or appointed by an agency and has  
13 met all training requirements. The officer shall have full peace officer powers as  
14 authorized under the statute under which he or she was appointed or employed;

15 (3) (a) "Inactive status" means that unless the certification is in revoked status:

16 1. The person has been separated on or after December 1, 1998, from the  
17 agency by which he or she was employed or appointed and has no peace  
18 officer powers; or

19 2. The person is on military active duty for a period exceeding three  
20 hundred sixty-five (365) days.

21 (b) The person may remain on inactive status. A person who is on inactive status  
22 and who returns to a peace officer position shall have certification status  
23 restored if he or she meets the requirements of KRS 15.400(1) or (2) or has  
24 successfully completed a basic training course approved and recognized by the  
25 council, has not committed an act for which his or her certified status may be  
26 revoked pursuant to KRS 15.391 and successfully completes in-service  
27 training as prescribed by the council, as follows:

- 1           1.    If the person has been on inactive status for a period of less than three  
2                   (3) years, and the person was not in training deficiency status at the time  
3                   of separation, he or she shall complete:
- 4                   a.    The twenty-four (24) hour legal update Penal Code course;
- 5                   b.    The sixteen (16) hour legal update constitutional procedure course;
- 6                                and
- 7                   c.    The mandatory training course approved by the Kentucky Law  
8                                Enforcement Council, pursuant to KRS 15.334, for the year in  
9                                which he or she returns to certification status; or
- 10           2.    If the person has been on inactive status for a period of three (3) years or  
11                   more, or the person was in training deficiency status at the time of  
12                   separation, he or she shall complete:
- 13                   a.    The twenty-four (24) hour legal update Penal Code course;
- 14                   b.    The sixteen (16) hour legal update constitutional procedure course;
- 15                   c.    The mandatory training course approved by the Kentucky Law  
16                                Enforcement Council, pursuant to KRS 15.334, for the year in  
17                                which he or she returns to certification status; and
- 18                   d.    One (1) of the following forty (40) hour courses which is most  
19                                appropriate for the officer's duty assignment:
- 20                                i.    Basic officer skills;
- 21                                ii.   Orientation for new police chiefs; or
- 22                                iii.   Mandatory duties of the sheriff.
- 23           (c)   A person returning from inactive to active certification after June 26, 2007,  
24                   under KRS 15.380 to 15.404, shall meet the following minimum  
25                   qualifications:
- 26                   1.    Be a citizen of the United States;
- 27                   2.    Possess a valid license to operate a motor vehicle;

- 1           3. Be fingerprinted for a criminal background check;
- 2           4. Not have been convicted of any felony;
- 3           5. Not be prohibited by federal or state law from possessing a firearm;
- 4           6. Have received and read the Kentucky Law Enforcement Officers Code
- 5           of Ethics as established by the council;
- 6           7. Have not received a dishonorable discharge, bad conduct discharge, or
- 7           general discharge under other than honorable conditions, if having
- 8           served in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States;
- 9           8. Have been interviewed by the employing agency; and
- 10          9. Not have had certification as a peace officer permanently revoked in
- 11          another state;

12 (4) "Training deficiency status" means that unless the certification is in revoked status  
13 or inactive status, the officer is currently employed or appointed by an agency and  
14 has failed to meet all in-service training requirements. The officer's enforcement  
15 powers shall automatically terminate, and he or she shall not exercise peace officer  
16 powers in the Commonwealth until he or she has corrected the in-service training  
17 deficiency;

18 (5) "Revoked status" means that the officer has no enforcement powers and his or her  
19 certification has been revoked by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council under  
20 KRS 15.391; and

21 (6) "Denied status" means that a person does not meet the requirements to achieve  
22 precertification status or certification status.

23 The design of a certificate may be changed periodically. When a new certificate is  
24 produced, it shall be distributed free of charge to each currently certified peace officer.

25 ➔Section 8. KRS 15.388 is amended to read as follows:

26 (1) Within five (5) working days of employment or appointment, the chief executive  
27 officer of the employing agency, or his designee, shall file a report with the council

- 1 certifying that the newly employed officer is certified or meets or exceeds the  
2 precertification qualifications of KRS 15.382 for peace officers or KRS 15.3971 for  
3 court security officers.
- 4 (2) If the person is certified, the council shall continue certified status.
- 5 (3) If the person is on inactive status, the council shall upgrade to certified status unless  
6 the certification is revoked or denied as provided by KRS 15.380 to 15.404.
- 7 (4) If the person is not certified and not on inactive status, but has successfully  
8 completed an applicable basic training course *or received a basic training credit*  
9 *under subsection (1)(d)6. of Section 5 of this Act* approved and recognized by the  
10 council, the council shall designate the person as being in certified status unless the  
11 certification is revoked or denied as provided by KRS 15.380 to 15.404.
- 12 (5) If the person is not certified and not on inactive status, and has not successfully  
13 completed an applicable basic training course approved and recognized by the  
14 council, the council shall designate the person as being in precertification status.
- 15 (6) A person who is in precertification status shall, upon successful completion of the  
16 required basic training, be certified unless he has committed an act that would result  
17 in revocation of his certificate in which case he shall be denied certification.
- 18 (7) A person who is denied certified status under this section shall have the same right  
19 of appeal as a person who has been revoked under KRS 15.380 to 15.404.
- 20 (8) If the certified peace officer has successfully completed the basic training required  
21 by KRS 15.404 and transfers from a peace officer or court security officer position  
22 from a current employer to a peace officer position for another employer, and both  
23 employers have, at least ten (10) working days prior to the effective date of the  
24 transfer, notified the council in writing of the transfer, the council shall maintain the  
25 officer in certified status.
- 26 (9) If the certified court security officer has successfully completed the basic training  
27 required by KRS 15.3975 and transfers from a court security officer position from a

1 current employer to a court security officer position for another employer, and both  
2 employers have, at least ten (10) working days prior to the effective date of the  
3 transfer, notified the council in writing of the transfer, the council shall maintain the  
4 officer in certified status.

5 (10) A certified court security officer who has met the requirements of KRS 15.3971  
6 shall not transfer from a court security officer position to a peace officer position  
7 unless the certified court security officer meets all the requirements of a certified  
8 peace officer under KRS 15.382 and 15.404(1). If the certified court security officer  
9 has met the minimum qualifications of KRS 15.382, successfully completed the  
10 basic training required for certified peace officers under KRS 15.404(1), and  
11 transfers from a court security officer position from a current employer to a peace  
12 officer position for another employer, and both employers have, at least ten (10)  
13 working days prior to the effective date of the transfer, notified the council in  
14 writing of the transfer, the council shall maintain the officer in certified status.

15 ➔Section 9. KRS 15.392 is amended to read as follows:

16 (1) Within ten (10) working days from separation from service, the chief executive  
17 officer of the employing agency or his designee shall file with the council a  
18 summary report that provides the relevant information about the person's separation  
19 from service.

20 (2) If the person separated from service has successfully completed basic training at a  
21 school certified or recognized by the council **or has received a basic training credit**  
22 **under subsection (1)(d)6. of Section 5 of this Act**, the council shall place the  
23 certification on inactive status. Placement of certification on inactive status shall not  
24 prevent the council from subsequently instituting an action to revoke an officer's  
25 certification in appropriate cases in accordance with KRS 15.391 for any reason  
26 justifying revoked or denied status pursuant to KRS 15.386, the council shall revoke  
27 the person's certification.

- 1 (3) If the person has been separated from service or has not successfully completed  
2 basic training at a school certified or recognized by the council and fails to meet the  
3 requirements of KRS 15.400(1) or (2), the certification shall lapse.
- 4 (4) If the person has been separated due to death, the certification shall be retired.
- 5 ➔Section 10. KRS 15.400 is amended to read as follows:
- 6 (1) The effective date of KRS 15.380 to 15.404 shall be December 1, 1998. All peace  
7 officers employed as of December 1, 1998, shall be deemed to have met all the  
8 requirements of KRS 15.380 to 15.404 and shall be granted certified status as long  
9 as they:
- 10 (a) Remain in continuous employment of the agency by which they were  
11 employed as of December 1, 1998, and are employed within one hundred  
12 (100) days by another law enforcement agency subject to the provisions of  
13 KRS 15.380 to 15.404;
- 14 (b) Retired from employment with certified status on or after July 1, 2008, and are  
15 reemployed no later than one hundred (100) days from March 15, 2011, by a  
16 law enforcement agency subject to KRS 15.380 to 15.404; or
- 17 (c) Have successfully completed an approved basic training course approved and  
18 recognized by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council pursuant to KRS  
19 15.440(1)(d) when seeking employment with another law enforcement  
20 agency.
- 21 (2) Any peace officers employed after December 1, 1998, shall comply with all  
22 minimum standards specified in KRS 15.380 to 15.404 or comply with the  
23 requirements set forth in subsection (1)(d)6. of Section 5 of this Act. Persons  
24 newly employed or appointed after December 1, 1998, shall have one (1) year  
25 within which to gain certified status or they shall lose their law enforcement  
26 powers.
- 27 (3) The Open Records Act notwithstanding, the person's home address, telephone

1 number, date of birth, Social Security number, background investigation, medical  
2 examination, psychological examination, and polygraph examination conducted for  
3 any person seeking certification pursuant to KRS 15.380 to 15.404 shall not be  
4 subject to disclosure.

5 ➔Section 11. KRS 15.404 is amended to read as follows:

6 (1) (a) Any peace officers employed or appointed after December 1, 1998, who have  
7 not successfully completed basic training at a school certified or recognized  
8 by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council, shall within one (1) year of their  
9 appointment or employment, successfully complete a basic training course, as  
10 established by KRS 15.440, at a school certified or recognized by the  
11 Kentucky Law Enforcement Council or receive a basic training credit  
12 approved by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council under subsection  
13 (1)(d)6. of Section 5 of this Act.

14 (b) In the event of extenuating circumstances beyond the control of an officer that  
15 prevent the officer from completing basic training within one (1) year, the  
16 commissioner of the department or his or her designee may grant the officer  
17 an extension of time, not to exceed one hundred eighty (180) days, in which to  
18 complete the training.

19 (c) Any peace officer who fails to successfully complete basic training within the  
20 specified time periods, including extensions, shall lose his or her law  
21 enforcement powers and his or her precertification status shall lapse. Further,  
22 the peace officer shall be prohibited from serving as a peace officer for a  
23 period of one (1) year from the date that his or her precertification lapses.

24 (2) (a) All peace officers with active certification status shall successfully complete  
25 forty (40) hours of annual in-service training that has been certified or  
26 recognized by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council, that is appropriate to  
27 the officer's rank and responsibility and the size and location of his

1 department.

2 (b) In the event of extenuating circumstances beyond the control of an officer that  
3 prevent the officer from completing the in-service training within one (1) year,  
4 the commissioner of the department or his or her designee may grant the  
5 officer an extension of time, not to exceed one hundred eighty (180) days, in  
6 which to complete the training. If the officer is unable to complete the in-  
7 service training due to injury or illness that prevents him or her from working  
8 as a peace officer, the one hundred eighty (180) day extension shall begin on  
9 the date that the officer returns to work.

10 (c) Any peace officer who fails to successfully complete in-service training within  
11 the specified time periods, including extensions, shall lose his or her law  
12 enforcement powers and his or her certification status shall be changed to  
13 training deficiency status.

14 (d) When a peace officer is deficient in required training, the commissioner of the  
15 department or his or her designee shall notify the council, which shall notify  
16 the peace officer and his or her agency.

17 (e) The requirements of this subsection shall be waived for the period of time that  
18 a peace officer is serving on active duty in the United States Armed Forces.

19 (f) This waiver shall be retroactive for peace officers from the date of September  
20 11, 2001.

21 (3) An officer who has lost his or her law enforcement powers due solely to his or her  
22 failure to meet the in-service training requirements of this section may regain his or  
23 her certification status and law enforcement powers upon successful completion of  
24 the training deficiency.