

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 322 (SB 227)

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Hodges

Prior law provided legislative findings that law enforcement work is of such importance to the health, safety, and welfare of the people of this state and is of such a nature as to require education and training of a professional character. Provided that the needs of education and training can be met only by programs adequate in quality and scope and made available to those persons who are serving as such officers including those in a temporary or probationary capacity. Further provided that education should also be made available to persons who seek to become peace officers, and this education should be supervised by a special council composed of persons experienced in law enforcement work and the training rather than any other general board not composed of law enforcement members.

New law retains prior law and provides additional legislative findings relative to the utilization and service of part-time, volunteer, and reserve peace officers.

Prior law provides that any person who begins employment as a peace officer in La. after January 1, 1986, must successfully complete a certified training program approved by the Council on Peace Officer Standards (council) and successfully pass a council-approved comprehensive exam within one calendar year from the date of initial employment.

New law retains prior law but provides that prior law is applicable to full-time peace officers.

New law adds requirement that any person beginning employment as a part-time or reserve peace officer in Louisiana on or after January 1, 2022, successfully complete a certified training program approved by the P.O.S.T. council and successfully pass a council-approved comprehensive examination within three calendar years from the date of initial employment.

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(Amends R.S. 40:2401 and 2405(A)(1) and (2), (D), and (E))