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By Representative Donaghy

1 AN ACT Relating to law enforcement training; amending RCW  
2 43.101.230; reenacting and amending RCW 43.101.200; and providing an  
3 effective date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.101.200 and 2023 c 475 s 931 and 2023 c 168 s 2  
6 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

7 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, all law  
8 enforcement personnel, except volunteers, and reserve officers  
9 whether paid or unpaid, initially employed on or after January 1,  
10 1978, shall engage in basic law enforcement training which complies  
11 with standards adopted by the commission pursuant to RCW 43.101.080.  
12 For personnel initially employed before January 1, 1990, such  
13 training shall be successfully completed during the first fifteen  
14 months of employment of such personnel unless otherwise extended or  
15 waived by the commission and shall be requisite to the continuation  
16 of such employment. Personnel initially employed on or after January  
17 1, 1990, shall commence basic training during the first six months of  
18 employment unless the basic training requirement is otherwise waived  
19 or extended by the commission. Successful completion of basic  
20 training is requisite to the continuation of employment of such  
21 personnel initially employed on or after January 1, 1990.

1 (2)(a) All law enforcement personnel who are limited authority  
2 Washington peace officers and whose employment commences on or after  
3 July 1, 2023, shall commence basic training during the first 12  
4 months of employment unless the basic training requirement is  
5 otherwise waived or extended by the commission. Successful completion  
6 of basic training is requisite to the continuation of employment of  
7 such personnel initially employed on or after July 1, 2023.

8 (b)(i) The commission shall review the training files of all law  
9 enforcement personnel who are limited authority Washington peace  
10 officers, whose employment commenced prior to July 1, 2023, and who  
11 have not successfully completed training that complies with standards  
12 adopted by the commission, to determine what, if any, supplemental  
13 training is required to appropriately carry out the officers' duties  
14 and responsibilities.

15 (ii) Nothing in this section may be interpreted to require law  
16 enforcement personnel who are limited authority Washington peace  
17 officers, whose employment commenced prior to July 1, 2023, to  
18 complete the basic law enforcement training academy as a condition of  
19 continuing employment as a limited authority Washington peace  
20 officer.

21 (iii) Law enforcement personnel who are limited authority  
22 Washington peace officers are not required to complete the basic law  
23 enforcement academy or an equivalent basic academy upon transferring  
24 to a general authority Washington law enforcement agency or limited  
25 authority Washington law enforcement agency, as defined in RCW  
26 10.93.020, if they have:

27 (A) Been employed as a special agent with the Washington state  
28 gambling commission, been a natural resource investigator with the  
29 department of natural resources, been a liquor enforcement officer  
30 with the liquor and cannabis board, been an investigator with the  
31 office of the insurance commissioner, or been a park ranger with the  
32 Washington state parks and recreation commission, before or after  
33 July 1, 2023; and

34 (B) Received a certificate of successful completion from the  
35 basic law enforcement academy or the basic law enforcement  
36 equivalency academy and thereafter engaged in regular and  
37 commissioned law enforcement employment with an agency listed in  
38 (b)(iii)(A) of this subsection without a break or interruption in  
39 excess of 24 months; and

1 (C) Remained current with the in-service training requirements as  
2 adopted by the commission by rule.

3 (3) Except as provided in RCW 43.101.170, the commission shall  
4 provide the aforementioned training and shall have the sole authority  
5 to do so. The commission shall provide necessary facilities,  
6 supplies, materials, and the board and room of noncommuting attendees  
7 for seven days per week, except during the 2017-2019, 2019-2021, and  
8 2021-2023 (~~, and 2023-2025~~) fiscal biennia and fiscal year 2024 when  
9 the employing, county, city, or state law enforcement agency shall  
10 reimburse the commission for twenty-five percent of the cost of  
11 training its personnel. Additionally, to the extent funds are  
12 provided for this purpose, the commission shall reimburse to  
13 participating law enforcement agencies with ten or less full-time  
14 commissioned patrol officers the cost of temporary replacement of  
15 each officer who is enrolled in basic law enforcement training:  
16 PROVIDED, That such reimbursement shall include only the actual cost  
17 of temporary replacement not to exceed the total amount of salary and  
18 benefits received by the replaced officer during his or her training  
19 period:

20 PROVIDED FURTHER, That limited authority Washington law  
21 enforcement agencies as defined in RCW 10.93.020 shall reimburse the  
22 commission for the full cost of training their personnel.

23 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.101.230 and 2023 c 72 s 1 are each amended to  
24 read as follows:

25 Tribal police officers and employees who are engaged in law  
26 enforcement activities and who do not qualify as "criminal justice  
27 personnel" or "law enforcement personnel" under RCW 43.101.010 shall  
28 be provided training under this chapter if: (1) The tribe is  
29 recognized by the federal government, and (2) for fiscal year 2024,  
30 tribal agencies with tribal officer certification agreements with the  
31 commission under RCW 43.101.157 shall reimburse the commission for 25  
32 percent of the cost of training its personnel. Tribes without current  
33 written tribal officer certification agreements with the commission  
34 shall pay to the commission the full cost of providing such training.  
35 The commission shall place all money received under this section into  
36 the criminal justice training account.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    This act takes effect July 1, 2024.

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