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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

50 ILCS 705/2	from Ch. 85, par.	502
50 ILCS 705/6	from Ch. 85, par.	506
50 ILCS 705/7		

Amends the Illinois Police Training Act. Defines a "basic training candidate" to mean a person enrolled in basic training school who is not a full-time or part-time law enforcement officer. Requires the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board to select and certify schools within the State of Illinois for the purpose of providing basic training for basic training candidates and to create curriculum and minimum basic training requirements for basic training candidates.

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1 AN ACT concerning government.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Illinois Police Training Act is amended by 5 changing Sections 2, 6, and 7 as follows:

6 (50 ILCS 705/2) (from Ch. 85, par. 502)

Sec. 2. Definitions. As used in this Act, unless the
context otherwise requires:

9 <u>"Basic training candidate" means a person enrolled in</u> 10 <u>basic training school who is not a full-time or part-time law</u> 11 enforcement officer.

12 "Board" means the Illinois Law Enforcement Training13 Standards Board.

14 "Full-time law enforcement officer" means а law officer officer's 15 enforcement who has completed the 16 probationary period and is employed on a full-time basis as a law enforcement officer by a local government agency, State 17 government agency, or as a campus police officer by a 18 19 university, college, or community college.

20 "Law Enforcement agency" means any entity with statutory 21 police powers and the ability to employ individuals authorized 22 to make arrests. It does not include the Illinois State Police 23 as defined in the State Police Act. A law enforcement agency

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may include any university, college, or community college.

² "Local law enforcement agency" means any law enforcement ³ unit of government or municipal corporation in this State. It ⁴ does not include the State of Illinois or any office, officer, ⁵ department, division, bureau, board, commission, or agency of ⁶ the State, except that it does include a State-controlled ⁷ university, college or public community college.

8 "State law enforcement agency" means any law enforcement 9 agency of this State. This includes any office, officer, 10 department, division, bureau, board, commission, or agency of 11 the State. It does not include the Illinois State Police as 12 defined in the State Police Act.

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"Panel" means the Certification Review Panel.

14 "Basic training school" means any school located within 15 the State of Illinois whether privately or publicly owned 16 which offers a course in basic law enforcement or county 17 corrections training and has been approved by the Board.

18 "Probationary police officer" means a recruit law 19 enforcement officer required to successfully complete initial 20 minimum basic training requirements at a basic training school 21 to be eligible for permanent full-time employment as a local 22 law enforcement officer.

23 "Probationary part-time police officer" means a recruit 24 part-time law enforcement officer required to successfully 25 complete initial minimum part-time training requirements to be 26 eligible for employment on a part-time basis as a local law - 3 - LRB103 33737 AWJ 63551 b

1 enforcement officer.

2 "Permanent law enforcement officer" means а law officer 3 enforcement who has completed the officer's probationary period and is permanently employed on a full-time 4 5 basis as a local law enforcement officer, as a security 6 officer, or campus police officer permanently employed by a 7 law enforcement agency.

enforcement 8 "Part-time law officer" means law а 9 enforcement officer who has completed officer's the 10 probationary period and is employed on a part-time basis as a 11 law enforcement officer or as a campus police officer by a law 12 enforcement agency.

"Law enforcement officer" means (i) any police officer of a law enforcement agency who is primarily responsible for prevention or detection of crime and the enforcement of the criminal code, traffic, or highway laws of this State or any political subdivision of this State or (ii) any member of a police force appointed and maintained as provided in Section 2 of the Railroad Police Act.

20 "Recruit" means any full-time or part-time law enforcement 21 officer or full-time county corrections officer who is 22 enrolled in an approved training course.

23 "Review Committee" means the committee at the Board for 24 certification disciplinary cases in which the Panel, a law 25 enforcement officer, or a law enforcement agency may file for 26 reconsideration of a decertification decision made by the

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1 Board.

2 "Probationary county corrections officer" means a recruit 3 county corrections officer required to successfully complete 4 initial minimum basic training requirements at a basic 5 training school to be eligible for permanent employment on a 6 full-time basis as a county corrections officer.

"Permanent county corrections officer" means a county 7 8 corrections officer who has completed the officer's 9 probationary period and is permanently employed on a full-time 10 basis as a county corrections officer by a participating law 11 enforcement agency.

12 "County corrections officer" means any sworn officer of 13 the sheriff who is primarily responsible for the control and 14 custody of offenders, detainees or inmates.

15 "Probationary court security officer" means a recruit 16 court security officer required to successfully complete 17 initial minimum basic training requirements at a designated 18 training school to be eligible for employment as a court 19 security officer.

20 "Permanent court security officer" means a court security 21 officer who has completed the officer's probationary period 22 and is employed as a court security officer by a participating 23 law enforcement agency.

24 "Court security officer" has the meaning ascribed to it in25 Section 3-6012.1 of the Counties Code.

26 (Source: P.A. 101-652, eff. 1-1-22; 102-694, eff. 1-7-22.)

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(50 ILCS 705/6) (from Ch. 85, par. 506)

Sec. 6. Powers and duties of the Board; selection and 2 3 certification of schools. The Board shall select and certify 4 schools within the State of Illinois for the purpose of providing basic training for basic training candidates, 5 probationary law enforcement officers, probationary county 6 7 corrections officers, and court security officers and of providing advanced or in-service training for permanent law 8 9 enforcement officers or permanent county corrections officers, 10 which schools may be either publicly or privately owned and 11 operated. In addition, the Board has the following power and 12 duties:

a. To require law enforcement agencies to furnish such
reports and information as the Board deems necessary to
fully implement this Act.

16 establish appropriate mandatory minimum b. То standards relating to the training of probationary local 17 18 law enforcement officers or probationary county 19 corrections officers, and in-service training of permanent law enforcement officers. 20

c. To provide appropriate certification to those
 probationary officers who successfully complete the
 prescribed minimum standard basic training course.

24 d. To review and approve annual training curriculum25 for county sheriffs.

e. To review and approve applicants to ensure that no 1 2 applicant is admitted to a certified academy unless the 3 applicant is a person of good character and has not been convicted of, found quilty of, entered a plea of quilty 4 5 to, or entered a plea of nolo contendere to a felony offense, any of the misdemeanors in Sections 11-1.50, 6 7 11-6, 11-6.5, 11-6.6, 11-9.1, 11-9.1B, 11-14, 11-14.1, 11-30, 12-2, 12-3.2, 12-3.4, 12-3.5, 16-1, 17-1, 17-2, 8 9 26.5-1, 26.5-2, 26.5-3, 28-3, 29-1, any misdemeanor in 10 violation of any Section of Part E of Title III of the 11 Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, or 12 subsection (a) of Section 17-32 of the Criminal Code of 13 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, or Section 5 or 5.2 of 14 the Cannabis Control Act, or a crime involving moral 15 turpitude under the laws of this State or any other state 16 which if committed in this State would be punishable as a 17 felony or a crime of moral turpitude, or any felony or misdemeanor in violation of federal law or the law of any 18 19 state that is the equivalent of any of the offenses 20 specified therein. The Board may appoint investigators who 21 shall enforce the duties conferred upon the Board by this 22 Act.

For purposes of this paragraph e, a person is considered to have been convicted of, found guilty of, or entered a plea of guilty to, plea of nolo contendere to regardless of whether the adjudication of guilt or

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sentence is withheld or not entered thereon. This includes
 sentences of supervision, conditional discharge, or first
 offender probation, or any similar disposition provided
 for by law.

f. To establish statewide standards for minimum standards regarding regular mental health screenings for probationary and permanent police officers, ensuring that counseling sessions and screenings remain confidential.

9 g. To review and ensure all law enforcement officers 10 remain in compliance with this Act, and any administrative 11 rules adopted under this Act.

h. To suspend any certificate for a definite period,
limit or restrict any certificate, or revoke any
certificate.

15 i. The Board and the Panel shall have power to secure 16 by its subpoena and bring before it any person or entity in 17 this State and to take testimony either orally or by deposition or both with the same fees and mileage and in 18 19 manner as prescribed by law in the same judicial 20 proceedings in civil cases in circuit courts of this 21 State. The Board and the Panel shall also have the power to 22 subpoena the production of documents, papers, files, 23 books, documents, and records, whether in physical or 24 electronic form, in support of the charges and for 25 defense, in connection with and а hearing or investigation. 26

j. The Executive Director, the administrative law judge designated by the Executive Director, and each member of the Board and the Panel shall have the power to administer oaths to witnesses at any hearing that the Board is authorized to conduct under this Act and any other oaths required or authorized to be administered by the Board under this Act.

k. In case of the neglect or refusal of any person to 8 obey a subpoena issued by the Board and the Panel, any 9 10 circuit court, upon application of the Board and the 11 Panel, through the Illinois Attorney General, may order 12 such person to appear before the Board and the Panel give 13 testimony or produce evidence, and any failure to obey 14 such order is punishable by the court as a contempt 15 thereof. This order may be served by personal delivery, by 16 email, or by mail to the address of record or email address 17 of record.

18 1. The Board shall have the power to administer state 19 certification examinations. Any and all records related to 20 these examinations, including, but not limited to, test 21 questions, test formats, digital files, answer responses, 22 answer keys, and scoring information shall be exempt from 23 disclosure.

24 m. To make grants, subject to appropriation, to units 25 of local government and public institutions of higher 26 education for the purposes of hiring and retaining law

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1 enforcement officers.

n. To make grants, subject to appropriation, to local
law enforcement agencies for costs associated with the
expansion and support of National Integrated Ballistic
Information Network (NIBIN) and other ballistic technology
equipment for ballistic testing.

7 (Source: P.A. 102-687, eff. 12-17-21; 102-694, eff. 1-7-22; 8 102-1115, eff. 1-9-23; 103-8, eff. 6-7-23.)

9 (50 ILCS 705/7)

10 Sec. 7. Rules and standards for schools. The Board shall 11 adopt rules and minimum standards for such schools which shall 12 include, but not be limited to, the following:

a. The curriculum for basic training candidates and 13 14 probationary law enforcement officers which shall be 15 offered by all certified schools shall include, but not be 16 limited to, courses of procedural justice, arrest and use and control tactics, search and seizure, including 17 18 temporary questioning, civil rights, human rights, human relations, cultural competency, including implicit bias 19 and racial and ethnic sensitivity, criminal law, law of 20 21 criminal procedure, constitutional and proper use of law 22 enforcement authority, crisis intervention training, traffic 23 vehicle and law including uniform and 24 non-discriminatory enforcement of the Illinois Vehicle 25 Code, traffic control and crash investigation, techniques

obtaining physical evidence, court testimonies, 1 of 2 statements, reports, firearms training, training in the 3 of electronic control devices, including use the psychological and physiological effects of the use of 4 5 those devices on humans, first-aid (including cardiopulmonary resuscitation), 6 training in the 7 administration of opioid antagonists as defined in 8 paragraph (1) of subsection (e) of Section 5-23 of the 9 Substance Use Disorder Act, handling of juvenile 10 offenders, recognition of mental conditions and crises, 11 including, but not limited to, the disease of addiction, 12 which require immediate assistance and response and methods to safequard and provide assistance to a person in 13 14 need of mental treatment, recognition of abuse, neglect, 15 financial exploitation, and self-neglect of adults with 16 disabilities and older adults, as defined in Section 2 of 17 the Adult Protective Services Act, crimes against the elderly, law of evidence, the hazards of high-speed police 18 19 vehicle chases with an emphasis on alternatives to the 20 high-speed chase, and physical training. The curriculum 21 shall include specific training in techniques for 22 immediate response to and investigation of cases of 23 domestic violence and of sexual assault of adults and 24 children, including cultural perceptions and common myths 25 of sexual assault and sexual abuse as well as interview 26 techniques that are age sensitive and are trauma informed,

victim centered, and victim sensitive. The curriculum 1 2 shall include training in techniques designed to promote effective communication at the initial contact with crime 3 victims and ways to comprehensively explain to victims and 4 5 witnesses their rights under the Rights of Crime Victims and Witnesses Act and the Crime Victims Compensation Act. 6 7 The curriculum shall also include training in effective 8 recognition of and responses to stress, trauma, and 9 post-traumatic stress experienced by law enforcement 10 officers that is consistent with Section 25 of the 11 Illinois Mental Health First Aid Training Act in a peer 12 setting, including recognizing signs and symptoms of 13 work-related cumulative stress, issues that may lead to 14 suicide, and solutions for intervention with peer support 15 resources. The curriculum shall include a block of 16 instruction addressing the mandatory reporting 17 the requirements under Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. The curriculum shall also include a block 18 19 of instruction aimed at identifying and interacting with 20 persons with autism and other developmental or physical 21 disabilities, reducing barriers to reporting crimes 22 against persons with autism, and addressing the unique 23 challenges presented by cases involving victims or 24 witnesses with autism and other developmental 25 disabilities. The curriculum shall include training in the 26 detection and investigation of all forms of human

trafficking. The curriculum shall also include instruction 1 2 in trauma-informed responses designed to ensure the 3 physical safety and well-being of a child of an arrested parent or immediate family member; this instruction must 4 5 include, but is not limited to: (1) understanding the trauma experienced by the child while maintaining the 6 7 integrity of the arrest and safety of officers, suspects, and other involved individuals; (2) de-escalation tactics 8 9 that would include the use of force when reasonably 10 necessary; and (3) inquiring whether a child will require 11 supervision and care. The curriculum for basic training 12 candidates and probationary law enforcement officers shall include: (1) at least 12 hours of hands-on, scenario-based 13 role-playing; (2) at least 6 hours of instruction on use 14 15 of force techniques, including the use of de-escalation 16 techniques to prevent or reduce the need for force 17 whenever safe and feasible; (3) specific training on officer safety techniques, including cover, concealment, 18 and time; and (4) at least 6 hours of training focused on 19 20 high-risk traffic stops. The curriculum for permanent law enforcement officers shall include, but not be limited to: 21 22 (1) refresher and in-service training in any of the 23 courses listed above in this subparagraph, (2) advanced 24 courses in any of the subjects listed above in this 25 subparagraph, (3) training for supervisory personnel, and 26 (4) specialized training in subjects and fields to be

selected by the board. The training in the use of 1 2 electronic control devices shall be conducted for basic 3 training candidates and probationary law enforcement officers, including University police officers. 4 The 5 curriculum shall also include training on the use of a firearms restraining order by providing instruction on the 6 process used to file a firearms restraining order and how 7 8 to identify situations in which a firearms restraining 9 order is appropriate.

b. Minimum courses of study, attendance requirementsand equipment requirements.

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c. Minimum requirements for instructors.

13 d. Minimum basic training requirements, which a basic 14 training candidate and probationary law enforcement 15 officer must satisfactorily complete before being eligible 16 for permanent employment as a local law enforcement 17 officer for a participating local governmental or State governmental agency. Those requirements shall include 18 first aid (including cardiopulmonary 19 training in 20 resuscitation).

Minimum basic training requirements, which a 21 e. 22 probationary county corrections officer must 23 satisfactorily complete before being eligible for 24 permanent employment as a county corrections officer for a 25 participating local governmental agency.

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f. Minimum basic training requirements which a

probationary court security officer must satisfactorily complete before being eligible for permanent employment as a court security officer for a participating local governmental agency. The Board shall establish those training requirements which it considers appropriate for court security officers and shall certify schools to conduct that training.

A person hired to serve as a court security officer 8 9 must obtain from the Board a certificate (i) attesting to 10 the officer's successful completion of the training 11 course; (ii) attesting to the officer's satisfactory 12 completion of a training program of similar content and number of hours that has been found acceptable by the 13 14 Board under the provisions of this Act; or (iii) attesting 15 to the Board's determination that the training course is 16 unnecessary because of the person's extensive prior law 17 enforcement experience.

Individuals who currently serve as court security officers shall be deemed qualified to continue to serve in that capacity so long as they are certified as provided by this Act within 24 months of June 1, 1997 (the effective date of Public Act 89-685). Failure to be so certified, absent a waiver from the Board, shall cause the officer to forfeit his or her position.

All individuals hired as court security officers on or after June 1, 1997 (the effective date of Public Act 89-685) shall be certified within 12 months of the date of
 their hire, unless a waiver has been obtained by the
 Board, or they shall forfeit their positions.

The Sheriff's Merit Commission, if one exists, or the 4 5 Sheriff's Office if there is no Sheriff's Merit Commission, shall maintain a list of all individuals who 6 7 have filed applications to become court security officers and who meet the eligibility requirements established 8 9 under this Act. Either the Sheriff's Merit Commission, or the Sheriff's Office if no Sheriff's Merit Commission 10 11 exists, shall establish a schedule of reasonable intervals 12 for verification of the applicants' qualifications under this Act and as established by the Board. 13

g. Minimum in-service training requirements, which a 14 15 law enforcement officer must satisfactorily complete every 16 3 years. Those requirements shall include constitutional 17 and proper use of law enforcement authority, procedural justice, civil rights, human rights, reporting child abuse 18 19 and neglect, and cultural competency, including implicit 20 bias and racial and ethnic sensitivity. These trainings shall consist of at least 30 hours of training every 3 21 22 years.

h. Minimum in-service training requirements, which a
 law enforcement officer must satisfactorily complete at
 least annually. Those requirements shall include law
 updates, emergency medical response training and

- certification, crisis intervention training, and officer
 wellness and mental health.
- 3 i. Minimum in-service training requirements as set4 forth in Section 10.6.

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the
changes made to this Section by Public Act 101-652, Public Act
102-28, and Public Act 102-694 take effect July 1, 2022.

8 (Source: P.A. 102-28, eff. 6-25-21; 102-345, eff. 6-1-22;
9 102-558, eff. 8-20-21; 102-694, eff. 1-7-22; 102-982, eff.
10 7-1-23; 103-154, eff. 6-30-23.)