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1 AN ACT Relating to funding law enforcement training; amending RCW
2 43.101.200; creating a new section; and making appropriations.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes the important
5 work of men and women who serve as law enforcement officers. The
6 legislature also recognizes the need to provide law enforcement
7 officers with adequate training to provide for the safety and security
8 of both law enforcement officers as well as the general public. The
9 legislature also affirms that it is the responsibility of the criminal
10 justice training commission to establish curriculum standards,
11 including the duration of the basic law enforcement academy course, for
12 law enforcement officers pursuant to RCW 43.101.080.

13 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.101.200 and 1997 c 351 s 13 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 (1) All law enforcement personnel, except volunteers, and reserve
16 officers whether paid or unpaid, initially employed on or after January
17 1, 1978, shall engage in basic law enforcement training which complies
18 with standards adopted by the commission pursuant to RCW 43.101.080.

1 For personnel initially employed before January 1, 1990, such training
2 shall be successfully completed during the first fifteen months of
3 employment of such personnel unless otherwise extended or waived by the
4 commission and shall be requisite to the continuation of such
5 employment. Personnel initially employed on or after January 1, 1990,
6 shall commence basic training during the first six months of employment
7 unless the basic training requirement is otherwise waived or extended
8 by the commission. Successful completion of basic training is
9 requisite to the continuation of employment of such personnel initially
10 employed on or after January 1, 1990.

11 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the commission
12 shall provide the aforementioned training together with necessary
13 facilities, supplies, materials, and the board and room of noncommuting
14 attendees for seven days per week. (~~Additionally, to the extent funds~~
15 ~~are provided for this purpose,~~) The commission shall reimburse to
16 participating law enforcement agencies with ten or less full-time
17 commissioned patrol officers the cost of temporary replacement of each
18 officer who is enrolled in basic law enforcement training: PROVIDED,
19 That such reimbursement shall include only the actual cost of temporary
20 replacement not to exceed the total amount of salary and benefits
21 received by the replaced officer during his or her training period. To
22 the extent that sufficient funding for reimbursement is not provided
23 under RCW 82.14.330, the legislature shall provide sufficient
24 additional funding from other sources.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The sum of one million eighty-four
26 thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is
27 appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, from the general
28 fund to the criminal justice training commission. These funds are
29 provided solely for increasing the length of the basic law enforcement
30 academy training class. In the event that the criminal justice
31 training commission does not adopt rules that increase the length of
32 the basic law enforcement academy class by June 30, 1999, the amount
33 provided in this subsection shall lapse.

34 (2) The sum of seventy-four thousand dollars, or as much thereof as
35 may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30,
36 1999, from the general fund to the criminal justice training
37 commission. These funds are provided solely to reimburse jurisdictions

1 with ten or fewer officers for the cost of salaries and benefits
2 pursuant to RCW 43.101.200.

3 (3) The sum of nine hundred twenty-seven thousand dollars, or as
4 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year
5 ending June 30, 1999, from the general fund to the criminal justice
6 training commission. These funds are provided solely for the purchase
7 of computer hardware and software necessary to: Automate the training
8 classrooms, distribute course information and register students over
9 the internet, provide distance learning, and provide staff and students
10 with appropriate technology.

11 (4) The sum of one million nine hundred thousand dollars, or as
12 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year
13 ending June 30, 1999, from the general fund to the criminal justice
14 training commission. These funds are provided solely for the
15 expansion, renovation, or operation, in any combination, of the law
16 enforcement training facility located in Spokane.

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