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1 AN ACT Relating to law enforcement personnel training; adding new
2 sections to chapter 43.101 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.101 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 The board on law enforcement training standards and education is
7 created and established. The purpose of the board is to review and
8 recommend to the commission programs and standards for the training and
9 education of law enforcement personnel.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.101 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 The board on law enforcement training standards and education
13 consists of thirteen members, appointed by the executive director and
14 subject to approval by the commission. Members must be selected as
15 follows: (1) Three must represent county law enforcement agencies, at
16 least two of whom must be incumbent sheriffs; (2) three must represent
17 city police agencies, at least two of whom must be incumbent police
18 chiefs; (3) one must represent community colleges; (4) one must

1 represent the four-year colleges and universities; (5) four must
2 represent the council of police officers, two of whom must be training
3 officers; and (6) one must represent tribal law enforcement in
4 Washington. The four officers under subsection (5) of this section may
5 be solicited by the executive director only after the council of police
6 officers provides the director with the names of qualified officers.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.101 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 All members of the board must be appointed for terms of six years,
10 commencing on July 1st, and expiring on June 30th. However, of the
11 members first appointed four will serve for terms of two years, four
12 will serve for terms of four years, and five will serve for terms of
13 six years. A member chosen to fill a vacancy that has been created
14 other than by expiration of a term must be appointed for the unexpired
15 term of the member to be succeeded. A member may be reappointed for
16 additional terms.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 43.101 RCW
18 to read as follows:

19 A member appointed as an incumbent official or because of
20 employment status, ceases to be a member of the board immediately upon
21 the termination of the holding of the qualifying office or employment.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 43.101 RCW
23 to read as follows:

24 The board shall elect a chair and vice-chair from among its
25 members. A simple majority of the members of the board is a quorum.
26 The commission shall summon the board to its first meeting.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 43.101 RCW
28 to read as follows:

29 Members of the board may be paid their travel expenses in
30 accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 43.101 RCW
32 to read as follows:

33 The board has the following powers:

34 (1) To meet at such times and places as it may deem proper;

1 (2) To adopt bylaws for the conduct of business;

2 (3) To cooperate with and secure the cooperation of any department,
3 agency, or instrumentality in state, county, or city government, and
4 commissions affected by or concerned with the business of the
5 commission;

6 (4) To do any and all things necessary or convenient to enable it
7 fully and adequately to perform its duties and to exercise the powers
8 granted to it;

9 (5) To advise the commission of the training and education needs of
10 law enforcement personnel;

11 (6) To recommend to the commission standards for the training and
12 education of law enforcement personnel;

13 (7) To recommend to the commission minimum curriculum standards for
14 all training and education programs conducted for law enforcement
15 personnel;

16 (8) To recommend to the commission standards for instructors of
17 training and education programs for law enforcement personnel;

18 (9) To recommend to the commission alternative, innovative, and
19 interdisciplinary training and education techniques for law enforcement
20 personnel;

21 (10) To review and recommend to the commission the approval of
22 training and education programs for law enforcement personnel;

23 (11) To monitor and evaluate training and education programs for
24 law enforcement personnel.

25 The board shall report to the commission at the end of each fiscal
26 year on the effectiveness of training and education programs for law
27 enforcement personnel.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** A new section is added to chapter 43.101 RCW
29 to read as follows:

30 For the purpose of raising the level of competence of law
31 enforcement personnel, the commission shall review the recommendations
32 of the board made under section 7 of this act.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** A new section is added to chapter 43.101 RCW
34 to read as follows:

35 (1) All law enforcement personnel initially hired to, transferred
36 to, or promoted to a supervisory or management position on or after
37 January 1, 1999, shall, within the first six months of entry into the

1 position, successfully complete the core training requirements
2 prescribed by rule of the commission for the position, or obtain a
3 waiver or extension of the core training requirements from the
4 commission.

5 (2) Within one year after completion of the core training
6 requirements of this section, all law enforcement personnel shall
7 successfully complete all remaining requirements for career level
8 certification prescribed by rule of the commission applicable to their
9 position or rank, or obtain a waiver or extension of the career level
10 training requirements from the commission.

11 (3) The commission shall provide the training required in this
12 section, together with facilities, supplies, materials, and the room
13 and board for noncommuting attendees.

14 (4) Nothing in this section affects or impairs the employment
15 status of an employee whose employer does not provide the opportunity
16 to engage in the required training.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** A new section is added to chapter 43.101
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 By January 1st of every odd-numbered year, the commission shall
20 provide a written report to the legislature addressing the following
21 items: (1) Status and satisfaction of service to its clients; (2)
22 detailed analysis of how it will maintain and update adequate
23 state-of-the-art training models and their delivery in the most
24 cost-effective and efficient manner; and (3) fiscal data projecting its
25 current and future funding requirements.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** If any provision of this act or its
27 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
28 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
29 persons or circumstances is not affected.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** This act is necessary for the immediate
31 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
32 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
33 immediately.

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