
**Community Safety, Justice, & Reentry
Committee**

SSB 6301

Brief Description: Concerning basic law enforcement academy.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Lovick, Dhingra, Boehnke, Hunt, Kuderer, Lovelett, MacEwen, Mullet, Padden, Shewmake, Warnick and Wilson, J.).

Brief Summary of Substitute Bill

- Authorizes the Criminal Justice Training Commission to accept donated money or property for the purpose of funding a Basic Law Enforcement Academy class.

Hearing Date: 2/14/24

Staff: Corey Patton (786-7388).

Background:

The Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) provides basic and advanced law enforcement training and educational programs for law enforcement, local corrections officers, and other public safety professionals, including by administering the Basic Law Enforcement Academy (BLEA). All law enforcement personnel except volunteers and reserve officers are required to complete the BLEA. The BLEA consists of a 720-hour program addressing a variety of subjects, including:

- criminal law and procedures;
- traffic enforcement;
- cultural awareness;
- communication and writing skills;

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- emergency vehicle operations;
- firearms;
- crisis intervention;
- patrol procedures;
- criminal investigations; and
- defensive tactics.

The CJTC is authorized to accept, receive, disburse, and administer grants or other funds or gifts from any source, including private individuals or agencies, the federal government, and other public agencies, for certain purposes.

Summary of Bill:

The Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) may accept any money or property donated, devised, or bequeathed to it for the purpose of funding a class of the Basic Law Enforcement Academy. The CJTC may not consider any input on its policy decisions or curricula from any person who has donated, devised, or bequeathed property. The CJTC may determine the value of any property for the purpose of recognizing donations and must, to the extent feasible, coordinate donations with any grant applications or other sources of funding or gifts.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.