## Enrolled Senate Bill 92

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## AN ACT

Relating to research conducted by the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training; amending ORS 181.640.

## Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

## **SECTION 1.** ORS 181.640 is amended to read:

- 181.640. (1) In accordance with any applicable provision of ORS chapter 183, to promote enforcement of law and fire services by improving the competence of public safety personnel and their support staffs, and in consultation with the agencies for which the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training and Department of Public Safety Standards and Training provide standards, certification, accreditation and training:
- (a) The department shall recommend and the board shall establish by rule reasonable minimum standards of physical, emotional, intellectual and moral fitness for public safety personnel and instructors.
- (b) The department shall recommend and the board shall establish by rule reasonable minimum training for all levels of professional development, basic through executive, including but not limited to courses or subjects for instruction and qualifications for public safety personnel and instructors. Training requirements shall be consistent with the funding available in the department's legislatively approved budget.
- (c) The department, in consultation with the board, shall establish by rule a procedure or procedures to be used by law enforcement units, public or private safety agencies or the Oregon Youth Authority to determine whether public safety personnel meet minimum standards or have minimum training.
- (d) Subject to such terms and conditions as the department may impose, the department shall certify instructors and public safety personnel, except youth correction officers, as being qualified under the rules established by the board.
- (e) The department shall deny applications for training and deny, suspend and revoke certification in the manner provided in ORS 181.661, 181.662 and 181.664 (1).
- (f) The department shall cause inspection of standards and training for instructors and public safety personnel, except youth correction officers, to be made.
- (g) The department may recommend and the board may establish by rule accreditation standards, levels and categories for mandated and nonmandated public safety personnel training or educational programs. The department and board, in consultation, may establish to what extent training

or educational programs provided by an accredited university, college, community college or public safety agency may serve as equivalent to mandated training or as a prerequisite to mandated training. Programs offered by accredited universities, colleges or community colleges may be considered equivalent to mandated training only in academic areas.

- (2) The department may:
- (a) Contract or otherwise cooperate with any person or agency of government for the procurement of services or property;
  - (b) Accept gifts or grants of services or property;
- (c) Establish fees for determining whether a training or educational program meets the accreditation standards established under subsection (1)(g) of this section;
- (d) Maintain and furnish to law enforcement units and public and private safety agencies information on applicants for appointment as instructors or public safety personnel, except youth correction officers, in any part of the state; and
- (e) Establish fees to allow recovery of the full costs incurred in providing services to private entities or in providing services as experts or expert witnesses.
  - (3) The department, in consultation with the board, may:
- (a) Upon the request of a law enforcement unit or public safety agency, conduct surveys or aid cities and counties to conduct surveys through qualified public or private agencies and assist in the implementation of any recommendations resulting from such surveys.
- (b) Upon the request of law enforcement units or public safety agencies, conduct studies and make recommendations concerning means by which requesting units can coordinate or combine their resources.
- (c) Conduct and stimulate research [by public and private agencies] to improve the police, fire service, corrections, [and] adult parole and probation, emergency medical dispatch and telecommunicator professions [administration and law enforcement].
- (d) Provide grants from funds appropriated or available therefor, to law enforcement units, public safety agencies, special districts, cities, counties and private entities to carry out the provisions of this subsection.
- (e) Provide optional training programs for persons who operate lockups. The term "lockup" has the meaning given it in ORS 169.005.
  - (f) Provide optional training programs for public safety personnel and their support staffs.
- (g) Enter into agreements with federal, state or other governmental agencies to provide training or other services in exchange for receiving training, fees or services of generally equivalent value.
- (h) Upon the request of a law enforcement unit or public safety agency employing public safety personnel, except youth correction officers, grant an officer, fire service professional, telecommunicator or emergency medical dispatcher a multidiscipline certification consistent with the minimum requirements adopted or approved by the board. Multidiscipline certification authorizes an officer, fire service professional, telecommunicator or emergency medical dispatcher to work in any of the disciplines for which the officer, fire service professional, telecommunicator or emergency medical dispatcher is certified. The provisions of ORS 181.652, 181.653 and 181.667 relating to lapse of certification do not apply to an officer or fire service professional certified under this paragraph as long as the officer or fire service professional maintains full-time employment in one of the certified disciplines and meets the training standards established by the board.
- (i) Establish fees and guidelines for the use of the facilities of the training academy operated by the department and for nonmandated training provided to federal, state or other governmental agencies, private entities or individuals.
- (4) Pursuant to ORS chapter 183, the board, in consultation with the department, shall adopt rules necessary to carry out the board's duties and powers.
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- (6) For efficiency, board and department rules may be adopted jointly as a single set of combined rules with the approval of the board and the department.

- (7) The department shall obtain approval of the board before submitting its legislative concepts, Emergency Board request or budget requests to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services.
- (8) The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training shall develop a training program for conducting investigations required under ORS 181.789.

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