

Senate Bill 92

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Authorizes Department of Public Safety Standards and Training to conduct research to improve public safety professions.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

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

6 181.640. (1) In accordance with any applicable provision of ORS chapter 183, to promote
7 enforcement of law and fire services by improving the competence of public safety personnel and
8 their support staffs, and in consultation with the agencies for which the Board on Public Safety
9 Standards and Training and Department of Public Safety Standards and Training provide standards,
10 certification, accreditation and training:

11 (a) The department shall recommend and the board shall establish by rule reasonable minimum
12 standards of physical, emotional, intellectual and moral fitness for public safety personnel and in-
13 structors.

14 (b) The department shall recommend and the board shall establish by rule reasonable minimum
15 training for all levels of professional development, basic through executive, including but not limited
16 to courses or subjects for instruction and qualifications for public safety personnel and instructors.
17 Training requirements shall be consistent with the funding available in the department's
18 legislatively approved budget.

19 (c) The department, in consultation with the board, shall establish by rule a procedure or pro-
20 cedures to be used by law enforcement units, public or private safety agencies or the Oregon Youth
21 Authority to determine whether public safety personnel meet minimum standards or have minimum
22 training.

23 (d) Subject to such terms and conditions as the department may impose, the department shall
24 certify instructors and public safety personnel, except youth correction officers, as being qualified
25 under the rules established by the board.

26 (e) The department shall deny applications for training and deny, suspend and revoke certif-
27 ication in the manner provided in ORS 181.661, 181.662 and 181.664 (1).

28 (f) The department shall cause inspection of standards and training for instructors and public
29 safety personnel, except youth correction officers, to be made.

30 (g) The department may recommend and the board may establish by rule accreditation stan-

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 dards, levels and categories for mandated and nonmandated public safety personnel training or ed-
 2 ucational programs. The department and board, in consultation, may establish to what extent
 3 training or educational programs provided by an accredited university, college, community college
 4 or public safety agency may serve as equivalent to mandated training or as a prerequisite to man-
 5 dated training. Programs offered by accredited universities, colleges or community colleges may be
 6 considered equivalent to mandated training only in academic areas.

7 (2) The department may:

8 (a) Contract or otherwise cooperate with any person or agency of government for the procure-
 9 ment of services or property;

10 (b) Accept gifts or grants of services or property;

11 (c) Establish fees for determining whether a training or educational program meets the accred-
 12 itation standards established under subsection (1)(g) of this section;

13 (d) Maintain and furnish to law enforcement units and public and private safety agencies infor-
 14 mation on applicants for appointment as instructors or public safety personnel, except youth cor-
 15 rection officers, in any part of the state; and

16 (e) Establish fees to allow recovery of the full costs incurred in providing services to private
 17 entities or in providing services as experts or expert witnesses.

18 (3) The department, in consultation with the board, may:

19 (a) Upon the request of a law enforcement unit or public safety agency, conduct surveys or aid
 20 cities and counties to conduct surveys through qualified public or private agencies and assist in the
 21 implementation of any recommendations resulting from such surveys.

22 (b) Upon the request of law enforcement units or public safety agencies, conduct studies and
 23 make recommendations concerning means by which requesting units can coordinate or combine their
 24 resources.

25 (c) **Conduct and** stimulate research [*by public and private agencies*] to improve **the** police, fire
 26 service, corrections, [*and*] adult parole and probation, **emergency medical dispatch and telecom-**
 27 **municator professions** [*administration and law enforcement*].

28 (d) Provide grants from funds appropriated or available therefor, to law enforcement units,
 29 public safety agencies, special districts, cities, counties and private entities to carry out the pro-
 30 visions of this subsection.

31 (e) Provide optional training programs for persons who operate lockups. The term "lockup" has
 32 the meaning given it in ORS 169.005.

33 (f) Provide optional training programs for public safety personnel and their support staffs.

34 (g) Enter into agreements with federal, state or other governmental agencies to provide training
 35 or other services in exchange for receiving training, fees or services of generally equivalent value.

36 (h) Upon the request of a law enforcement unit or public safety agency employing public safety
 37 personnel, except youth correction officers, grant an officer, fire service professional, telecommu-
 38 nicator or emergency medical dispatcher a multidiscipline certification consistent with the minimum
 39 requirements adopted or approved by the board. Multidiscipline certification authorizes an officer,
 40 fire service professional, telecommunicator or emergency medical dispatcher to work in any of the
 41 disciplines for which the officer, fire service professional, telecommunicator or emergency medical
 42 dispatcher is certified. The provisions of ORS 181.652, 181.653 and 181.667 relating to lapse of cer-
 43 tification do not apply to an officer or fire service professional certified under this paragraph as
 44 long as the officer or fire service professional maintains full-time employment in one of the certified
 45 disciplines and meets the training standards established by the board.

1 (i) Establish fees and guidelines for the use of the facilities of the training academy operated
2 by the department and for nonmandated training provided to federal, state or other governmental
3 agencies, private entities or individuals.

4 (4) Pursuant to ORS chapter 183, the board, in consultation with the department, shall adopt
5 rules necessary to carry out the board's duties and powers.

6 (5) Pursuant to ORS chapter 183, the department, in consultation with the board, shall adopt
7 rules necessary to carry out the department's duties and powers.

8 (6) For efficiency, board and department rules may be adopted jointly as a single set of combined
9 rules with the approval of the board and the department.

10 (7) The department shall obtain approval of the board before submitting its legislative concepts,
11 Emergency Board request or budget requests to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services.

12 (8) The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training shall develop a training program
13 for conducting investigations required under ORS 181.789.

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