

House Bill 2651

Sponsored by Representative GORSEK; Representatives LIVELY, REARDON (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

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Requires police officer or certified reserve officer employed or utilized by law enforcement unit that employs at least 20 police officers to have associate degree.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the training of law enforcement officers; creating new provisions; amending ORS 181.665;
3 and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 181.665 is amended to read:

6 181.665. (1) Except for a person who has requested and obtained an extension from the Depart-
7 ment of Public Safety Standards and Training pursuant to subsection (2) of this section, a person
8 may not be employed as a police officer, or utilized as a certified reserve officer, by any law
9 enforcement unit for more than 18 months unless:

10 (a)(A) The person is a citizen of the United States; and

11 [(b)] (B) The person has been certified as being qualified as a police officer or certified reserve
12 officer under the provisions of ORS 181.610 to 181.712 and the certification has neither lapsed nor
13 been revoked pursuant to ORS 181.661, 181.662 and 181.664 (1) and not been reissued under ORS
14 181.664 (2)[.]; **and**

15 **(b) If the law enforcement unit employing or utilizing the officer employs 20 or more**
16 **police officers, the person has received at least an associate degree, in any subject, requiring**
17 **90 to 102 credit hours.**

18 (2) The department, upon the facts contained in an affidavit accompanying the request for an
19 extension, may find good cause for failure to obtain certification within the time period described
20 in subsection (1) of this section. If the department finds that there is good cause for such failure,
21 the department may extend for up to one year the period that a person may serve as a police officer
22 or reserve officer without certification. The grant or denial of such an extension is within the sole
23 discretion of the department.

24 (3) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, a person employed as a police officer
25 by any law enforcement unit shall commence the training necessary for certification under ORS
26 181.610 to 181.712 at an academy operated by the department not later than the 90th day after the
27 date of the officer's employment by the law enforcement unit.

28 (4) A law enforcement unit may delay the commencement of training of a police officer for up
29 to 120 days from the date of the officer's employment when it considers the delay necessary. When
30 a law enforcement unit delays commencement of a police officer's training under this subsection, it
31 shall file a written statement of its reasons with the department.

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 (5) When a delay in the commencement of training necessary for certification under ORS 181.610
2 to 181.712 at an academy operated by the department is caused by the inability of the department,
3 for any reason, to provide that training, the period of such delay shall not be counted as part of the
4 periods set forth in subsections (3) and (4) of this section within which the training must be com-
5 menced.

6 (6) A person utilized as a certified reserve officer by a law enforcement unit must complete the
7 training necessary for certification under ORS 181.610 to 181.712 at a site approved by the depart-
8 ment.

9 (7) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the law enforcement unit described in ORS
10 181.610 (12)(e) shall bear the expense of training necessary for certification under ORS 181.610 to
11 181.712.

12 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 181.665 by section 1 of this 2015 Act apply to per-**
13 **sons first employed as police officers or first utilized as certified reserve officers on or after**
14 **the effective date of this 2015 Act.**

15 **SECTION 3. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
16 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect**
17 **on its passage.**

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