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So reading the text of SB 779.... I am wondering?

What does a Batchlors degree do for police officer, corrections officer or probation officer?

What does 2 yrs of College do for a 25 yr seasoned officer?

What does 2 yrs of schooling do for a military person?

Would seem liabilities and inexperience of Officers would be addressed in training with senior officers.

I knew a officer that had 10 yrs under cover narcotics officer, who went from City Police to 5 yr undercover Fed Marshal.

He came back to a Sheriff Dept. and worked in jail for 6 months before he could be my resident deputy (this was normal policy to assess officers).

6 month after he was on the street he was a Seargent (He was very professional and respected).

Who pays for his schooling... Is this a unfunded mandate?

Does this create a hardship on the community as Department's union requires him to be paid while he is at school?

Due to overtime budget restraints... will this now limit his time serving the public? Would current officers be grandfathered in?

My 1st resident deputy was a reserve. in real life he was a farmer rancher and most likely not to much education on that. well except on the job training.

Most likely not the best officer I met... but as kids he had respect of our community. He was good at community policing and in my old age I must say he was good for the community.

Uni Bomber Ted Kaczinski was a very educated man... but he was never officer material IMO.

While education does not make the man... education probably never hurt anyone:)