

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of Public Safety Standards and Training Basic Police Course Pilot Program

To:	Ways and Means Full Committee
From:	Public Safety Subcommittee
Carrier:	Senator Sollman

On February 13th, the Public Safety Subcommittee recommended acknowledging receipt of a report from the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training on implementation of the 60-student Basic Police Course pilot program.

The Department reports that the pilot program has successfully reduced the backlog for new officers to enter the Basic Police Course from over seven months to within the 90-day statutory requirement.

All three 60-student Basic Police Courses are now currently operating, which has increased the number of basic police course students on campus from 160 to 260 and stretched capacity to its limits. The Department has increased staffing to ensure safe operation and proper student-instructor ratios in the high-risk training areas.

To implement the program, the Department developed a schedule template that provides flexibility between training venues and instructors, allowing for 60-student classes to be subdivided depending on need. This template provides the ability to scale up classes from 40-to-60 depending on future demand.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends approval.