

# House Bill 2905

Sponsored by Representative EVANS (Pre-session filed.)

## SUMMARY

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**Digest:** The Act lets a law enforcement unit sponsor a reserve officer to train as a police officer. The Act lets the officer pay with cash or G.I. Bill money. The Act tells DPSST to look at the effects of the Act and make a report. (Flesch Readability Score: 75.0).

Authorizes reserve officers sponsored by a law enforcement unit to pay for training as police with cash and G.I. Bill education benefits. Requires the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training to increase training class sizes by up to 25 percent as necessary to train sponsored reserve officers. Requires a reserve officer to remain with the law enforcement unit for at least three years after certification and allows the department to suspend or revoke certification if the reserve officer fails to comply.

Requires the department to conduct a study of the impact of the measure on state and local public safety budgets and recruitment and maintenance of public safety and to submit a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to public safety.

Sunset on January 2, 2032.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to the training of police officers; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 181A.640 and  
3 408.020.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1)(a) A law enforcement unit may sponsor a reserve officer of the law**  
6 **enforcement unit under this section for training as a police officer under ORS 181A.355 to**  
7 **181A.689.**

8 **(b)(A) Notwithstanding ORS 181A.425, the Department of Public Safety Standards and**  
9 **Training shall increase class sizes as necessary to train reserve officers sponsored under this**  
10 **section.**

11 **(B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, class sizes may not be increased**  
12 **by an amount greater than 25 percent of class sizes as of the effective date of this 2025 Act.**

13 **(2)(a) A reserve officer sponsored under this section may pay for the costs of courses**  
14 **required for training as a police officer with, in any combination, cash and any state financial**  
15 **aid as provided in ORS 408.010 to 408.090 to which the reserve officer is entitled.**

16 **(b) Upon request, the Department of Veterans' Affairs shall provide assistance to reserve**  
17 **officers in obtaining reimbursement for the costs of courses required for training under this**  
18 **section.**

19 **(3) When a reserve officer sponsored under this section has completed the courses re-**  
20 **quired for training as a police officer, the reserve officer:**

21 **(a) Shall be designated by the reserve officer's law enforcement unit as a certified re-**  
22 **serve officer; and**

23 **(b) May be employed by any law enforcement unit in this state as a police officer.**

24 **(4)(a) A reserve officer sponsored under this section who has completed the courses re-**

**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 **quired for certification as a police officer must remain with a law enforcement agency as a**  
 2 **certified reserve officer or a police officer for at least three years after the reserve officer's**  
 3 **date of certification.**

4 **(b) The certification of a reserve officer who does not comply with paragraph (a) of this**  
 5 **subsection may be suspended or revoked pursuant to ORS 181A.630, 181A.640 and 181A.650 if**  
 6 **the reserve officer fails to comply without good cause, as defined by the department by rule.**

7 **SECTION 2. (1) Beginning on the date that is four years after the effective date of this**  
 8 **2025 Act, the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training shall conduct a study of**  
 9 **the impact of this 2025 Act on:**

10 **(a) The budgets of law enforcement units and the department;**

11 **(b) The recruitment of reserve officers, certified reserve officers and police officers; and**

12 **(c) The maintenance of public safety.**

13 **(2) The department shall submit a report in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, and**  
 14 **may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative**  
 15 **Assembly related to public safety no later than September 15, 2030.**

16 **SECTION 3.** ORS 181A.640 is amended to read:

17 181A.640. (1) The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training may deny the application  
 18 for training, or deny, suspend or revoke the certification, of any public safety officer or instructor,  
 19 except a youth correction officer or fire service professional, after written notice and hearing con-  
 20 sistent with the provisions of ORS 181A.630, based upon a finding that:

21 (a) The public safety officer or instructor falsified any information submitted on the application  
 22 for certification or on any documents submitted to the Board on Public Safety Standards and  
 23 Training or the department.

24 (b) The public safety officer or instructor has been convicted of a crime or violation in this state  
 25 or any other jurisdiction.

26 (c) The public safety officer or instructor does not meet the applicable minimum standards,  
 27 minimum training or the terms and conditions established under ORS 181A.410 (1)(a) to (d).

28 (d) The public safety officer failed to comply with ORS 181A.790 (3)(b) **or section 1 (4)(a) of this**  
 29 **2025 Act.**

30 (2) The department shall deny the application for training or deny, suspend or revoke the cer-  
 31 tification of a police officer, after written notice and hearing consistent with the provisions of ORS  
 32 181A.630, based upon a finding that:

33 (a) The officer has a conviction for any offense designated under the law of the jurisdiction  
 34 where the conviction occurred as being punishable as a felony or as a crime for which a maximum  
 35 term of imprisonment of more than one year may be imposed;

36 (b) The officer has a conviction in any jurisdiction for any offense involving the unlawful use,  
 37 possession, delivery or manufacture of a controlled substance, narcotic or dangerous drug, except  
 38 for offenses involving the use or possession of marijuana;

39 (c) The officer has a conviction in any jurisdiction for any offense involving domestic violence,  
 40 as defined in ORS 135.230;

41 (d) The officer has a conviction in any jurisdiction for any offense involving abuse, as defined  
 42 in ORS 107.705, of a child who is under 18 years of age and is a natural child, adopted child,  
 43 stepchild, a child under the guardianship of, or a child who regularly resides or formerly resided in  
 44 the same household as, the officer;

45 (e) The officer is a sex offender as defined in ORS 163A.005; or

1 (f) The officer has been discharged for cause from employment as a police officer as a result of  
2 intentional conduct performed under the color of office to:

3 (A) Obtain false confessions;

4 (B) Make false arrests;

5 (C) Create or use falsified evidence, including false testimony, or to destroy evidence to create  
6 a false impression;

7 (D) Compel a person to abstain from doing, or to do, any act that the person has a legal right  
8 to do or abstain from doing;

9 (E) Deprive, or attempt to deprive, another person or persons of their legal rights;

10 (F) Gain advantage for a public or private safety agency or for personal gain;

11 (G) Use force that was determined to be excessive or without justification;

12 (H) Engage in the abuse of lawful authority; or

13 (I) Engage in policing indicative of bias or discriminatory intent against an individual based on  
14 the individual's real or perceived age, race, ethnicity, color, national origin, language, sex, gender  
15 identity, sexual orientation, political affiliation, religion, homelessness or disability.

16 (3) The department shall deny, suspend or revoke the certification of a fire service professional,  
17 after written notice and hearing consistent with the provisions of ORS 181A.630, based upon a  
18 finding that the fire service professional has been convicted in this state of a crime listed in ORS  
19 137.700 or in any other jurisdiction of a crime that, if committed in this state, would constitute a  
20 crime listed in ORS 137.700.

21 (4) The department may deny, suspend or revoke the certification of any fire service professional  
22 after written notice and hearing consistent with the provisions of ORS 181A.630, based upon a  
23 finding:

24 (a) That the fire service professional falsified any information submitted on the application for  
25 certification or on any documents submitted to the board or the department; or

26 (b) Consistent with ORS 670.280, that the fire service professional is not fit to receive or hold  
27 the certification as a result of conviction of a crime in this state, or in any other jurisdiction, other  
28 than a crime described in subsection (3) of this section.

29 (5) The department shall deny, suspend or revoke the certification of any public safety officer  
30 or instructor, except a youth correction officer, after written notice and hearing consistent with the  
31 provisions of ORS 181A.630, based upon a finding that the public safety officer or instructor has  
32 been discharged for cause from employment as a public safety officer.

33 (6) The department, in consultation with the board, shall adopt rules specifying those crimes and  
34 violations for which a conviction requires the denial, suspension or revocation of the certification  
35 of a public safety officer or instructor.

36 (7) Notwithstanding the lapse, suspension, revocation or surrender of the certification of a pub-  
37 lic safety officer or instructor, the department may:

38 (a) Proceed with any investigation of, or any action or disciplinary proceedings against, the  
39 public safety officer or instructor; or

40 (b) Revise or render void an order suspending or revoking the certification.

41 (8) The department shall deny, suspend or revoke the accreditation of a training or educational  
42 program or any course, subject, facility or instruction thereof if the program, course, subject, facility  
43 or instruction is not in compliance with rules adopted or conditions prescribed under ORS 181A.410  
44 (1)(g) or 181A.590 (3).

45 (9) When the department completes an investigation relating to a person's qualifications for

1 employment, training or certification under this section, the department shall issue a report.

2 (10) In cases involving a proposed denial of training or certification of a public safety officer  
3 or instructor by the department, the department has jurisdiction to proceed with any action against  
4 the public safety officer or instructor notwithstanding a subsequent change in the employment status  
5 of the officer or instructor, if:

6 (a) The department has issued a notice of intent to deny training or certification; and

7 (b) The officer or instructor has requested a hearing.

8 **SECTION 4.** ORS 181A.640, as amended by section 3 of this 2025 Act, is amended to read:

9 181A.640. (1) The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training may deny the application  
10 for training, or deny, suspend or revoke the certification, of any public safety officer or instructor,  
11 except a youth correction officer or fire service professional, after written notice and hearing con-  
12 sistent with the provisions of ORS 181A.630, based upon a finding that:

13 (a) The public safety officer or instructor falsified any information submitted on the application  
14 for certification or on any documents submitted to the Board on Public Safety Standards and  
15 Training or the department.

16 (b) The public safety officer or instructor has been convicted of a crime or violation in this state  
17 or any other jurisdiction.

18 (c) The public safety officer or instructor does not meet the applicable minimum standards,  
19 minimum training or the terms and conditions established under ORS 181A.410 (1)(a) to (d).

20 (d) The public safety officer failed to comply with ORS 181A.790 (3)(b) [*or section 1 (4)(a) of this*  
21 *2025 Act*].

22 (2) The department shall deny the application for training or deny, suspend or revoke the cer-  
23 tification of a police officer, after written notice and hearing consistent with the provisions of ORS  
24 181A.630, based upon a finding that:

25 (a) The officer has a conviction for any offense designated under the law of the jurisdiction  
26 where the conviction occurred as being punishable as a felony or as a crime for which a maximum  
27 term of imprisonment of more than one year may be imposed;

28 (b) The officer has a conviction in any jurisdiction for any offense involving the unlawful use,  
29 possession, delivery or manufacture of a controlled substance, narcotic or dangerous drug, except  
30 for offenses involving the use or possession of marijuana;

31 (c) The officer has a conviction in any jurisdiction for any offense involving domestic violence,  
32 as defined in ORS 135.230;

33 (d) The officer has a conviction in any jurisdiction for any offense involving abuse, as defined  
34 in ORS 107.705, of a child who is under 18 years of age and is a natural child, adopted child,  
35 stepchild, a child under the guardianship of, or a child who regularly resides or formerly resided in  
36 the same household as, the officer;

37 (e) The officer is a sex offender as defined in ORS 163A.005; or

38 (f) The officer has been discharged for cause from employment as a police officer as a result of  
39 intentional conduct performed under the color of office to:

40 (A) Obtain false confessions;

41 (B) Make false arrests;

42 (C) Create or use falsified evidence, including false testimony, or to destroy evidence to create  
43 a false impression;

44 (D) Compel a person to abstain from doing, or to do, any act that the person has a legal right  
45 to do or abstain from doing;

1 (E) Deprive, or attempt to deprive, another person or persons of their legal rights;

2 (F) Gain advantage for a public or private safety agency or for personal gain;

3 (G) Use force that was determined to be excessive or without justification;

4 (H) Engage in the abuse of lawful authority; or

5 (I) Engage in policing indicative of bias or discriminatory intent against an individual based on  
6 the individual's real or perceived age, race, ethnicity, color, national origin, language, sex, gender  
7 identity, sexual orientation, political affiliation, religion, homelessness or disability.

8 (3) The department shall deny, suspend or revoke the certification of a fire service professional,  
9 after written notice and hearing consistent with the provisions of ORS 181A.630, based upon a  
10 finding that the fire service professional has been convicted in this state of a crime listed in ORS  
11 137.700 or in any other jurisdiction of a crime that, if committed in this state, would constitute a  
12 crime listed in ORS 137.700.

13 (4) The department may deny, suspend or revoke the certification of any fire service professional  
14 after written notice and hearing consistent with the provisions of ORS 181A.630, based upon a  
15 finding:

16 (a) That the fire service professional falsified any information submitted on the application for  
17 certification or on any documents submitted to the board or the department; or

18 (b) Consistent with ORS 670.280, that the fire service professional is not fit to receive or hold  
19 the certification as a result of conviction of a crime in this state, or in any other jurisdiction, other  
20 than a crime described in subsection (3) of this section.

21 (5) The department shall deny, suspend or revoke the certification of any public safety officer  
22 or instructor, except a youth correction officer, after written notice and hearing consistent with the  
23 provisions of ORS 181A.630, based upon a finding that the public safety officer or instructor has  
24 been discharged for cause from employment as a public safety officer.

25 (6) The department, in consultation with the board, shall adopt rules specifying those crimes and  
26 violations for which a conviction requires the denial, suspension or revocation of the certification  
27 of a public safety officer or instructor.

28 (7) Notwithstanding the lapse, suspension, revocation or surrender of the certification of a pub-  
29 lic safety officer or instructor, the department may:

30 (a) Proceed with any investigation of, or any action or disciplinary proceedings against, the  
31 public safety officer or instructor; or

32 (b) Revise or render void an order suspending or revoking the certification.

33 (8) The department shall deny, suspend or revoke the accreditation of a training or educational  
34 program or any course, subject, facility or instruction thereof if the program, course, subject, facility  
35 or instruction is not in compliance with rules adopted or conditions prescribed under ORS 181A.410  
36 (1)(g) or 181A.590 (3).

37 (9) When the department completes an investigation relating to a person's qualifications for  
38 employment, training or certification under this section, the department shall issue a report.

39 (10) In cases involving a proposed denial of training or certification of a public safety officer  
40 or instructor by the department, the department has jurisdiction to proceed with any action against  
41 the public safety officer or instructor notwithstanding a subsequent change in the employment status  
42 of the officer or instructor, if:

43 (a) The department has issued a notice of intent to deny training or certification; and

44 (b) The officer or instructor has requested a hearing.

45 **SECTION 5.** ORS 408.020 is amended to read:

1 408.020. (1) The Department of Veterans' Affairs may provide financial aid to beneficiaries who  
 2 desire to pursue an approved course of study or professional training in or in connection with any  
 3 accredited state or other public school or accredited private school or accredited college **or train-**  
 4 **ing as a police officer under ORS 181A.355 to 181A.689 pursuant to section 1 of this 2025 Act**  
 5 consistent with ORS 408.010 to 408.090.

6 (2) Financial aid under this section may not exceed \$150 per month for each month of full-time  
 7 study or training or \$100 per month for each month of part-time study or training.

8 (3) The total number of monthly payments under subsection (2) of this section may not exceed  
 9 the total number of months served in the Armed Forces of the United States or 36, whichever is less.

10 (4) The Director of Veterans' Affairs may permit a beneficiary to attend a school or college  
 11 outside of this state upon a satisfactory showing that the training required is not available in an  
 12 accredited institution within this state.

13 (5) A beneficiary may not receive payments or benefits under ORS 408.010 to 408.090 at the same  
 14 time that the beneficiary is receiving educational aid under any federal Act based upon prior service  
 15 in the Armed Forces. Time spent by a person who applies for benefits under ORS 408.010 to 408.090  
 16 in the army specialized training program, the Navy V-12 program or other like training program  
 17 may not be counted as service in the Armed Forces within the purview of ORS 408.010.

18 **SECTION 6.** ORS 408.020, as amended by section 5 of this 2025 Act, is amended to read:

19 408.020. (1) The Department of Veterans' Affairs may provide financial aid to beneficiaries who  
 20 desire to pursue an approved course of study or professional training in or in connection with any  
 21 accredited state or other public school or accredited private school or accredited college [*or training*  
 22 *as a police officer under ORS 181A.355 to 181A.689 pursuant to section 1 of this 2025 Act*] consistent  
 23 with ORS 408.010 to 408.090.

24 (2) Financial aid under this section may not exceed \$150 per month for each month of full-time  
 25 study or training or \$100 per month for each month of part-time study or training.

26 (3) The total number of monthly payments under subsection (2) of this section may not exceed  
 27 the total number of months served in the Armed Forces of the United States or 36, whichever is less.

28 (4) The Director of Veterans' Affairs may permit a beneficiary to attend a school or college  
 29 outside of this state upon a satisfactory showing that the training required is not available in an  
 30 accredited institution within this state.

31 (5) A beneficiary may not receive payments or benefits under ORS 408.010 to 408.090 at the same  
 32 time that the beneficiary is receiving educational aid under any federal Act based upon prior service  
 33 in the Armed Forces. Time spent by a person who applies for benefits under ORS 408.010 to 408.090  
 34 in the army specialized training program, the Navy V-12 program or other like training program  
 35 may not be counted as service in the Armed Forces within the purview of ORS 408.010.

36 **SECTION 7. (1) Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2032.**

37 **(2) The amendments to ORS 181A.640 and 408.020 by sections 4 and 6 of this 2025 Act**  
 38 **become operative on January 2, 2032.**

39 **(3) Section 2 of this 2025 Act is repealed on December 31, 2030.**