

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1604 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY DELLOSO, CARROLL, HILL-EVANS, SANCHEZ, NEILSON,
D. WILLIAMS, O'MARA, STEELE, CURRY, CIRESI, GREEN AND
BOROWSKI, JUNE 13, 2025

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 27, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in employees, providing for mandatory
3 firearms training for certain officers.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Title 53 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 2173. Mandatory firearms training for certain officers.

9 (a) ~~Requirement.~~ An officer REQUIREMENT.--

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10 (1) AN OFFICER IN A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY shall attend
11 and complete mandatory in-service firearms training courses
12 conducted by a certified law enforcement firearms instructor
13 at least four times each year.

14 (2) THE FIREARMS TRAINING UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) SHALL
15 INCLUDE VIRTUAL OR PHYSICAL SIMULATION TRAININGS WHICH ARE
16 DESIGNED TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT IN
17 LIVE ACTION SITUATIONS TO PREPARE OFFICERS FOR ACTIVE EVENTS

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1 THAT MAY REQUIRE THE USE OF FORCE.

2 (B) SIMULATION TRAINING.--THE COMMISSION SHALL MAKE
3 AVAILABLE SIMULATION TRAINING, CONDUCTED BY A CERTIFIED LAW
4 ENFORCEMENT FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR, FOR USE BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT
5 AGENCY AT LEAST TWO TIMES PER YEAR, SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY
6 OF FACILITIES CAPABLE OF PROVIDING SIMULATION TRAINING.

7 ~~(b)~~ (C) Documentation.--

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8 (1) A certified law enforcement firearms instructor and
9 a law enforcement agency's chief officer must produce and
10 maintain a record of any in-service firearms training courses
11 an officer completes, including the number of rounds fired,
12 the officer's scores and the firearms used in training.

13 (2) The record shall be documented in the commission's
14 training and certification system within 30 days of the end
15 of each calendar year, including an officer's primary duty
16 weapon qualification to maintain certification as an officer.

17 ~~(c)~~ (D) Penalty.--An officer who fails to complete the
18 training required under this section shall be placed by the law
19 enforcement agency on administrative leave until the training is
20 completed.

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21 ~~(d)~~ (E) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
22 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
23 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

24 "Certified law enforcement firearms instructor." A firearms
25 instructor authorized by the commission to conduct firearms
26 training to a police officer within this Commonwealth.

27 "Law enforcement agency." A public agency of a municipality
28 ~~or county~~ having general police powers and charged with making
29 arrests in connection with the enforcement of criminal or
30 traffic laws.

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1 "Officer." A police officer employed by a law enforcement
2 agency in a county of the second class A with a population <--
3 between 565,000 and 600,000 according to the 2020 Federal
4 decennial census.

5 "SIMULATION TRAINING." A PHYSICAL OR VIRTUAL TRAINING <--
6 SIMULATOR DESIGNED TO PROVIDE REALISTIC AND IMMERSIVE TRAINING
7 SCENARIOS FOR OFFICERS, INCLUDING ALLOWING FOR THE ABILITY TO
8 CREATE CUSTOM SCENARIOS USING REAL-WORLD DATA.

9 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.