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SENATE BILL NO. 1107

Senate Amendments in [] — January 29, 1999

A BILL to amend and reenact § 15.2-1706 of the Code of Virginia, relating to law-enforcement officer certification.

Patron—Holland

Referred to Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 15.2-1706 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 15.2-1706. Certification through training required for all law-enforcement officers.

All law-enforcement officers as defined in § 9-169 and all jail officers as defined in § 53.1-1 must be certified through the successful completion of training at an approved criminal justice training academy in order to remain eligible for appointment or employment. *In order to obtain such certification, all [entry level] law-enforcement officers seeking certification on or after July 1, 2001, shall successfully complete [a] statewide certification [~~examination~~ examinations] developed and administered by the Department of Criminal Justice Services. [The Department may delegate administration of the examinations to an approved criminal justice training academy and may revoke such delegation at its discretion.]* The appointee's or employee's hiring agency must provide the Department of Criminal Justice Services with verification that law-enforcement or jail officers first hired after July 1, 1994, have met the minimum standards set forth in § 15.2-1705.

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