

Assembly Bill No. 1928

CHAPTER 354

An act to amend Section 13511 of, and to add and repeal Section 13543.5 to, the Penal Code, relating to peace officers.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1928, Vincent. Peace officers: court services investigators.

(1) Existing law requires the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training to adopt standards regarding the training of peace officers and to allow required training to be obtained at approved institutions. In lieu of training at an institution, the commission is required to provide the opportunity for testing of those persons who have acquired prior equivalent peace officer training.

This bill instead would require the commission, for those instances where individuals have acquired prior comparable peace officer training, to adopt regulations providing for alternative means for satisfying the training required by a specified provision of law.

(2) Existing law requires any person or persons desiring peace officer status under the law, who, on January 1, 1990, were not entitled to be designated as peace officers, to request the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training to undertake a feasibility study, as specified, regarding designating the person or persons as peace officers. Existing law, however, provides that this procedure does not apply to or otherwise affect the authority of certain listed public officials and agencies to designate certain persons as peace officers as authorized by statute.

This bill would require the commission to issue a study and its recommendations, as specified, regarding the court services investigators of the County of Los Angeles and their designation as peace officers. The bill would provide that the commission may charge a fee, not to exceed the actual costs of undertaking the study, to the entity requesting the study, and that the commission shall submit to the Legislature a copy of its study and recommendations, as specified. The bill would provide that these provisions shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2002, and as of that date they would be repealed.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 13511 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

13511. (a) In establishing standards for training, the commission shall, so far as consistent with the purposes of this chapter, permit required training to be obtained at institutions approved by the commission.

(b) In those instances where individuals have acquired prior comparable peace officer training, the commission shall, adopt regulations providing for alternative means for satisfying the training required by Section 832.3. The commission shall charge a fee to cover administrative costs associated with the testing conducted under this subdivision.

SEC. 2. Section 13543.5 is added to the Penal Code, to read:

13543.5. (a) The commission shall issue a study and its recommendations regarding the court services investigators of the County of Los Angeles and their designation as peace officers pursuant to the provisions of this article. The study shall commence after whichever of the following occurs last:

(1) This section becomes effective.

(2) The commission has received a request for that study from an entity, including, but not limited to, the probation union of the County of Los Angeles (AFSCME, Local 685), on behalf of the court services investigators of the County of Los Angeles.

(b) The commission may charge the entity that requests the study under paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) a fee, not to exceed the actual costs of undertaking the study.

(c) The commission shall submit to the Legislature a copy of its study and recommendations prepared pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 13542.

(d) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2002, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2002, deletes or extends that date.

