

CHAPTER 52

(HB 406)

AN ACT relating to telecommunicators employed by local governments.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1. KRS 15.530 is amended to read as follows:

For the purposes of KRS 15.540 to 15.590:~~[-]~~

- (1) *"CJIS" means the Criminal Justice Information System;*
- (2) *"CJIS-full access course" means a forty (40) hour training program approved by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council;*
- (3) *"CJIS telecommunicator" means any full-time public employee, sworn or civilian, whose primary responsibility is to dispatch law enforcement units by means of radio communications for an agency that utilizes the Criminal Justice Information System, and is part of or administered by the state or any political subdivision;*
- (4) *"Commissioner" means the commissioner of the Department of Criminal Justice Training;*
- (5) *"Law enforcement telecommunicator" means any full-time public employee, sworn or civilian, whose primary responsibility is to dispatch law enforcement units by means of radio communications for an agency that does not utilize the Criminal Justice Information System and~~[which]~~ is part of or administered by the state or any political subdivision;*
- (6) *"Law enforcement telecommunicator basic training program" means a forty (40) hour basic training program approved by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council;*
- (7) *"Non-CJIS telecommunicator academy" means a one hundred twenty (120) hour academy approved by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council; and*
- (8) *"Telecommunications academy" means a one hundred sixty (160) hour academy approved by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council.*

Section 2. KRS 15.560 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) No person shall receive an official appointment on a permanent basis as a law enforcement telecommunicator~~[to any law enforcement agency in this state,]~~ unless *the*~~[such]~~ person has previously been awarded a certificate by the *commissioner*~~[secretary of justice]~~ attesting to such person's satisfactory completion of *non-CJIS telecommunications academy*~~[an approved law enforcement telecommunicator basic training program]~~. Every person who is employed *after the effective date of this Act*~~[, after July 15, 1986,]~~ as a law enforcement telecommunicator by any law enforcement agency in this state, *regardless of prior experience as a law enforcement telecommunicator*, shall forfeit his *or her* position as such unless, within twelve (12) months from the date of his *or her* employment, he *or she* satisfactorily completes *the non-CJIS telecommunications academy*~~[a basic training program]~~ and is awarded a certificate attesting thereto. The *commissioner*~~[secretary of justice]~~ shall waive the training requirements listed in this section for all law enforcement *telecommunicators*~~[radio dispatchers]~~ who *are serving on the effective date of this Act and possess a certificate of completion of an approved law enforcement telecommunicator*~~[have served continuously for one (1) year immediately prior to July 15, 1986, and shall award each such law enforcement telecommunicator a certificate.~~

~~Notwithstanding the above, any person employed on or after July 15, 1986, regardless of prior experience as a law enforcement telecommunicator shall successfully complete the basic training program.~~

- (2) All *law enforcement* telecommunicators, whether originally employed before or after *the effective date of this Act*~~[July 15, 1986]~~, shall successfully complete each calendar year an in-service training course, appropriate to their job assignment and responsibility, of at least eight (8) hours' duration at a school certified or recognized by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council.
- (3) *In the event of extenuating circumstances beyond the control of a law enforcement telecommunicator that prevent completion of training within the time specified, the commissioner or the commissioner's designee may grant the law enforcement telecommunicator an extension of time, not to exceed one hundred eighty (180) days, in which to complete the training.*

SECTION 3. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 15 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) *No person shall receive an official appointment on a permanent basis as a CJIS telecommunicator unless that person has previously been awarded a certificate by the commissioner attesting to that person's satisfactory completion of the telecommunications academy. Every person who is employed, after the effective date of this Act, as a CJIS telecommunicator shall forfeit his or her position as such unless, within six (6) months from the date of employment, that person satisfactorily completes the telecommunications academy and is awarded a certificate attesting thereto. The commissioner shall waive the training requirements listed in this section and award a CJIS telecommunicator certificate for all CJIS telecommunicators who are serving on the effective date of this Act and have successfully completed the CJIS-full access course.*
- (2) *A law enforcement telecommunicator who gains employment as a CJIS telecommunicator shall successfully complete the CJIS-full access course within six (6) months from the date of his or her employment. A law enforcement telecommunicator whose employing agency initiates the use of CJIS shall successfully complete the CJIS-full access course within six (6) months from the date that the agency initiates the use of CJIS.*
- (3) *All CJIS telecommunicators, whether originally employed before or after the effective date of this Act, shall successfully complete each calendar year an in-service training course, appropriate to their job assignment and responsibility, of at least eight (8) hours' duration at a school certified or recognized by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council.*
- (4) *All CJIS telecommunicators, whether originally employed before or after the effective date of this Act, shall successfully complete, every two (2) years, eight (8) hours of CJIS in-service training at a school certified or recognized by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council.*
- (5) *Extensions of time in which to complete the training specified in this section may be granted by the commissioner of the Department of State Police or the commissioner's designee.*

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