

SB 227 requires deputies that are currently employed to complete a KLEC-approved basic training course within one year following the effective date of an ordinance requiring the same. Likewise, deputy sheriffs hired after the adoption of an ordinance requiring completion of a KLEC-approved basic training course shall complete the course within one year of hiring.

SB 227 requires police officers and auxiliary police officers employed after July 14, 1992* to complete a basic training course and 40 hours of annual in-service training at a KLEC-approved school. For police officers and auxiliary police officers employed before July 14 1992, completion of 40 hours of annual in-service training is required.

**July 14, 1992 is the effective date for KRS 95.951 through KRS 95.960. These statutes provided the qualifications and training requirements for police officers.*

SB 227 denies the KLEC the ability to change the number of hours from 8 hours that all Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS) telecommunicators must complete each calendar year.

SB 227 provides that the KLEC may change the number of required hours from 120 for a KLEC-approved non-CJIS telecommunications academy or 160 hours for a KLEC-approved CJIS telecommunications academy by promulgating administrative regulations. Non CJIS communicators are for those dispatchers that do not utilize the Criminal Justice Information System; CJIS communicators do utilize the Criminal Justice Information System. Any subsequent modifications of hours would require promulgation of administrative regulations.

Section 11 thru Section 13 pertains to firefighters:

SB 227 requires firefighters employed after July 15, 1982 to complete 400 hours of basic training and requires firefighters, regardless of the date of employment, to complete 100 hours of in-service training. This requirement may be reduced or replaced by an alternate procedure as promulgated by administrative regulation by the Commission on Fire Protection Personnel Standards and Education” (henceforth referred to as the ‘Commission’).

SB 227 provides that the basic training requirement may be met through training and educational programs of a local government conducting its own Commission-approved training. Likewise, the in-service training as approved by the Commission may also be conducted by a local government. The number of hours for this training may be different than the 400 hours and 100 hours, respectfully.

SB 227 forbids the Commission from increasing the amount of the 150 hour requirement for firefighters in a volunteer fire department in order for the department to qualify for volunteer department aid. The Commission through administrative regulation may reduce the number of hours or provide an alternative procedure to satisfy this

requirement. This requirement must be met for a volunteer fire department to qualify for funds made available through the Firefighters Foundation Program. Currently, this amount is \$8,250 per year.

Part III: Fiscal Explanation, Bill Provisions, and Estimated Cost

The fiscal impact of SB 227 is expected to be minimal.

Regarding local law enforcement agencies:

The Department of Criminal Justice Training covers the cost of training room and board. The local law enforcement agencies pay their employees' salaries while there. To attend, you must be a full time employee of a local law enforcement agency and be sent by that agency.

Basic training and in-house training are already required and thus, are existing expenses related to paying the officer's salary while attending. The increase in basic training hours from 640 hours to 928 hours would delay the experienced officer from returning to his shift and for newer officers, would delay them from being fully integrated into the schedule. In both cases, the agency might experience possible expenses and budgetary concerns related to covering additional shifts and work load during that time the officer is away. The 40 hours of in-house training remains the same.

Regarding fire departments:

The Kentucky Fire Commission pays for the required 400 hours of basic training and the 100 hours of annual in-service training. The local fire department will pay their employee's salaries while in attendance. To attend, you must be a full time employee of a local fire department and be sent by that agency.

Basic training and in-house training are already required and thus, are existing expenses related to paying the firefighter's salary while attending. The agency might experience possible expenses and budgetary concerns related to covering additional shifts and work load during that time the firefighter is away.

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