

**Local Government Mandate Statement
Kentucky Legislative Research Commission
2025 Regular Session**

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #:	1693	Bill #:	SB 237/ HCS 1
Document ID #:	6782	Sponsor:	Sen. Jason Howell
Bill Title:	AN ACT relating to peace officer certification		

Unit of Government: City County Urban-County
 Charter County Consolidated Local Unified Local

Office(s) Impacted: Law Enforcement

Requirement: Mandatory Optional

Effect on Powers & Duties: Modifies Existing Adds New Eliminates Existing

Other Fiscal Statement(s) that may exist: Actuarial Analysis Corrections Impact
 Health Benefit Mandate State Employee Health Plan

Part II: Bill Provisions and the Estimated Fiscal Impact Relating to Local Government

SB 237/ HCS 1 amends KRS 15.382 to allow a person in the process of being hired as a peace officer to be exempt from needing to pass a physical agility test if the person can provide certified documentation that the person is currently employed as a certified law enforcement officer in another state, is currently in good standing with the other state or law enforcement agency, and has been continuously employed as a law enforcement officer in the state where they are certified for at least 10 years prior to their application.

Sections 2 through 4 require all part-time public safety telecommunicators to complete a 40-hour online course. Part-time telecommunicators who complete the 40-hour training course and move to a full-time telecommunicator position will be credited 40 hours toward the training requirements of the full-time safety telecommunicator academy.

The fiscal impact of SB 237/ HCS 1 is minimal, but expected to be positive. Exempting potential peace officer candidates that have been employed as a peace officer elsewhere from taking a physical agility test would lessen the hiring timeframe and the amount of staff time and resources spent on facilitating the test.

Additionally, changing the training requirement for public safety communicators to online will make training more accessible and allowing part-time public safety telecommunicators who wish to transfer to a full-time position to transfer their existing training credits will decrease the amount of time telecommunicators spend in training.

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