THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1604 Session of 2025

INTRODUCED BY DELLOSO, CARROLL, HILL-EVANS, SANCHEZ, NEILSON, D. WILLIAMS, O'MARA, STEELE AND CURRY, JUNE 13, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 16, 2025

AN ACT

- Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in employees, providing for mandatory
- 3 firearms training for certain officers.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Title 53 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
- 7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:
- 8 § 2173. Mandatory firearms training for certain officers.
- 9 (a) Requirement. -- An officer shall attend and complete
- 10 mandatory in-service firearms training courses conducted by a
- 11 <u>certified law enforcement firearms instructor at least four</u>
- 12 times each year.
- 13 <u>(b) Documentation.--</u>
- (1) A certified law enforcement firearms instructor and
- 15 <u>a law enforcement agency's chief officer must produce and</u>
- 16 maintain a record of any in-service firearms training courses
- an officer completes, including the number of rounds fired,
- 18 the officer's scores and the firearms used in training.

- 1 (2) The record shall be documented in the commission's
- 2 <u>training and certification system within 30 days of the end</u>
- of each calendar year, including an officer's primary duty
- 4 <u>weapon qualification to maintain certification as an officer.</u>
- 5 (c) Penalty. -- An officer who fails to complete the training
- 6 required under this section shall be placed by the law
- 7 <u>enforcement agency on administrative leave until the training is</u>
- 8 <u>completed.</u>
- 9 (d) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
- 10 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
- 11 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 12 "Certified law enforcement firearms instructor." A firearms
- 13 instructor authorized by the commission to conduct firearms
- 14 training to a police officer within this Commonwealth.
- 15 "Law enforcement agency." A public agency of a municipality
- 16 or county having general police powers and charged with making
- 17 arrests in connection with the enforcement of criminal or
- 18 traffic laws.
- 19 "Officer." A police officer employed by a law enforcement
- 20 agency in a county of the second class A with a population
- 21 between 565,000 and 600,000 according to the 2020 Federal
- 22 decennial census.
- 23 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.