

CHAPTER 75

AN ACT concerning certain costs incurred in the training and hiring of certain law enforcement employees and supplementing chapter 14 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.40A:14-178.1 Liability for certain costs for training certain law enforcement personnel; definitions.

1. a. If a person appointed as a Class Two special resigns or refuses reappointment after serving less than 30 days with the municipality that incurred the costs of examining, training and initially hiring him and, within 120 days of that resignation, accepts an appointment as a Class Two special with another municipal law enforcement agency, that appointing municipality shall be liable to the officer's former municipal employer for the total certified costs incurred by the former employer in the examination, hiring, and training of the officer.

b. If a person appointed as a Class Two special resigns or refuses reappointment after serving less than two years with the municipality that incurred the costs of examining, training and initially hiring him and, within 120 days of that resignation or refusal of reappointment, accepts an appointment as a Class Two special with another municipal law enforcement agency, that appointing municipality shall be liable to the officer's former municipal employer for one-half of the total certified costs incurred by the former employer in the examination, hiring, and training of the officer.

c. Upon the appointment of a Class Two special subject to the provisions of this act, the appointing municipal law enforcement agency shall notify the officer's former employer immediately upon appointment and shall reimburse the former employer within 120 days of the receipt of the certified costs.

d. As used in this act:

"Class Two special" means a special law enforcement officer, appointed pursuant to P.L.1985, c.439 (C.40A:14-146.8 et seq.), who is authorized to exercise full powers and duties similar to those of a permanent, regularly appointed full-time law enforcement officer.

"Examination costs" means and includes, but is not limited to, the costs of all qualifying examinations and the public advertisements for these examinations; and

"Training costs" means the police training course fees and the base salary, if any, received while attending the police training course, as required by P.L.1961, c.56 (C.52:17B-66 et seq.) and P.L.1985, c.439 (C.40A:14-146.8 et seq.).

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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