

## CHAPTER 263

AN ACT concerning investigators in the Department of Corrections and amending P.L.1988, c.176.

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

1. Section 5 of P.L.1988, c.176 (C.52:17B-68.1) is amended to read as follows:

C.52:17B-68.1 Basic training, course for investigators.

5. a. A person appointed as an adult or juvenile corrections officer or as a juvenile detention officer by the State or county shall satisfactorily complete prior to permanent appointment a basic training course approved by the Police Training Commission. A corrections officer or juvenile detention officer who was appointed before the effective date of this act shall satisfactorily complete, within two years of the effective date of this act, an in-service basic training course approved by the Police Training Commission and designed to meet the training needs of corrections officers or juvenile detention officers with prior work experience.

A person may be exempt from the requirements of this section if that person has successfully completed training conducted by a federal, State or county agency the requirements of which are substantially equivalent to the requirements of a basic training course approved by the Police Training Commission pursuant to section 4 of this act.

b. A person shall be given a probationary appointment as a corrections officer or as a juvenile detention officer for a period of one year so that the person seeking permanent appointment may satisfactorily complete a basic training course for corrections officers or for juvenile detention officers conducted at a school approved by the Police Training Commission. The probationary time may exceed one year for those persons enrolled within the one-year period in a basic training course scheduled to end after the expiration of the one-year period. A person shall participate in a basic training course only if that person holds a probationary appointment and that person shall be entitled to a leave of absence with pay to attend a basic training course.

c. Prior to permanent appointment, a person appointed as an investigator in the Department of Corrections shall satisfactorily complete a basic course for investigators approved by the Police Training Commission.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 5, 2006.