

PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS EDUCATION

REQUIREMENTS

2001 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: David L. Hogue

This act amends the code regarding state officers and employees to provide that the director of state human resource management establish a plan for education compensation for law enforcement officers ^h and correctional officers ^h that addresses tuition and step increases for specified higher education degrees.

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

ENACTS:

67-19-12.4, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **67-19-12.4** is enacted to read:

67-19-12.4. Education benefit plan for law enforcement officers.

(1) As used in this section, "law enforcement officer" has the same meaning as in Section 53-13-103 ^h AND "CORRECTIONAL OFFICER" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS IN SECTION 53-13-104 ^h .

(2) The director shall establish a plan authorizing any state agency to implement an educational compensation program for law enforcement officers ^h AND CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS ^h employed by that state agency.

(3) The program shall provide that in order for a law enforcement officer ^h OR CORRECTIONAL OFFICER ^h to qualify for education benefits for college or university education, the law enforcement officer ^h OR CORRECTIONAL OFFICER ^h shall:

(a) provide a certified transcript of grades, demonstrating a grade point average of 3.0 or greater, from an accredited college or university; and

(b) have successfully completed the probationary employment period with the employing agency.

(4) The program shall also provide that ^h THE AGENCY MAY CONSIDER ^h a law



26a enforcement officer **h** **OR CORRECTIONAL OFFICER** **h** **h** **[may]** **TO** **h** receive additional
27 compensation as follows for higher education degrees earned **h** **ON OR AFTER APRIL 30, 2001,** **h** in a
27a subject area directly related to

- 28 the law enforcement officer's ~~h~~ OR CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S ~~h~~ employment with the agency:
29 (a) two steps for an associate's degree;
30 (b) ~~h~~ [~~four~~] TWO ~~h~~ steps for a bachelor's degree; and
31 (c) ~~h~~ [~~six~~] TWO ~~h~~ steps for a master's degree.
31a ~~h~~ (5) EXPENSES INCURRED BY AN AGENCY TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION
31b UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE ONLY FROM THE AGENCY'S EXISTING BUDGET. ~~h~~
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Legislative Review Note
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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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