

PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS EDUCATION

REQUIREMENTS

2001 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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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 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.

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

(3) The program shall provide that in order for a law enforcement officer to qualify for education benefits for college or university education, the law enforcement officer 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 a law enforcement officer may receive additional compensation as follows for higher education degrees earned in a subject area directly related to



28 the law enforcement officer's employment with the agency:

29 (a) two steps for an associate's degree;

30 (b) four steps for a bachelor's degree; and

31 (c) six steps for a master's degree.

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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