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on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law and the civil service law, in relation  
to providing for police training high schools in certain city school  
districts and making provisions for their graduates' further education  
and recruitment

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-  
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. The section heading of section 2555 of the education law,  
2     such section as renumbered by chapter 762 of the laws of 1950, is  
3     amended and a new subdivision 4 is added to read as follows:

4     Kindergartens, nursery [and], night schools AND POLICE TRAINING HIGH  
5     SCHOOLS.

6     4. A. EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE  
7     MAY ESTABLISH A POLICE TRAINING HIGH SCHOOL OR POLICE TRAINING PROGRAM  
8     IN AN EXISTING HIGH SCHOOL WITHIN ITS DISTRICT, EXCEPT THAT THE CITY OF  
9     NEW YORK MAY ESTABLISH SUCH A HIGH SCHOOL IN EACH OF ITS BOROUGHES. SUCH  
10    HIGH SCHOOLS OR PROGRAMS SHALL SERVE STUDENTS IN GRADES NINE THROUGH  
11    TWELVE AND SHALL PROVIDE, IN ADDITION TO THE STANDARD HIGH SCHOOL  
12    CURRICULUM OTHERWISE PRESCRIBED BY LAW, SPECIALIZED COURSES CONTAINING  
13    EDUCATION AND TRAINING TO PREPARE STUDENTS FOR ADMISSION TO POLICE ACAD-  
14    EMIES AND CAREERS AS POLICE OFFICERS.

15    B. GUIDELINES FOR THE CURRICULUM FOR SUCH POLICE EDUCATION AND TRAIN-  
16    ING COURSES SHALL BE PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER, IN CONSULTATION  
17    WITH THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES AND THE MUNICIPAL POLICE  
18    TRAINING COUNCIL. EACH HIGH SCHOOL OR PROGRAM MAY FURTHER DEVELOP ITS  
19    OWN CURRICULUM IN CONSULTATION WITH A UNIT OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF  
20    NEW YORK OR THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK HAVING A CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
21    SCHOOL OR PROGRAM.

22    C. SUCH HIGH SCHOOLS OR PROGRAMS SHALL SERVE STUDENTS LIVING IN POLICE  
23    PRECINCTS HAVING HIGH JUVENILE DELINQUENCY RATES. SCHOOL AUTHORITIES

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 SHALL RECRUIT STUDENTS FROM SUCH AREAS. EACH CLASS SHALL CONTAIN NO MORE  
2 THAN TWENTY STUDENTS, AND EACH HIGH SCHOOL OR PROGRAM SHALL CONTAIN NO  
3 MORE THAN TWENTY CLASSES.

4 D. THE POLICE TRAINING CURRICULUM SHALL INCLUDE A SUMMER SCHOOL COMPO-  
5 NENT. THIS COMPONENT SHALL BE OFFERED AT ONE OR MORE OF THE CAMPUSES OF  
6 THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK OR THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK  
7 HAVING PROGRAMS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE. NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS THEREFOR  
8 SHALL BE MADE BY THE COMMISSIONER IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CHANCELLORS  
9 OF SUCH UNIVERSITIES. THE COMMISSIONER MAY, IN HIS OR HER DISCRETION,  
10 ARRANGE FOR A SUMMER SCHOOL COMPONENT TO BE OFFERED AT A COMMUNITY  
11 COLLEGE.

12 S 2. The section heading of section 2514 of the education law, as  
13 added by chapter 762 of the laws of 1950, is amended and a new subdivi-  
14 sion 4 is added to read as follows:

15 Kindergartens, nursery [and], night schools AND POLICE TRAINING HIGH  
16 SCHOOLS.

17 4. A. EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE,  
18 IN A CITY HAVING A POPULATION OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND OR MORE, MAY  
19 ESTABLISH A POLICE TRAINING HIGH SCHOOL OR POLICE TRAINING PROGRAMS IN  
20 AN EXISTING HIGH SCHOOL WITHIN ITS DISTRICT, EXCEPT THAT THE CITY OF NEW  
21 YORK MAY ESTABLISH SUCH A HIGH SCHOOL IN EACH OF ITS BOROUGHES. SUCH HIGH  
22 SCHOOLS OR PROGRAMS SHALL SERVE STUDENTS IN GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE  
23 AND SHALL PROVIDE, IN ADDITION TO THE STANDARD HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM  
24 OTHERWISE PRESCRIBED BY LAW, SPECIALIZED COURSES CONTAINING EDUCATION  
25 AND TRAINING TO PREPARE STUDENTS FOR ADMISSION TO POLICE ACADEMIES AND  
26 CAREERS AS POLICE OFFICERS.

27 B. GUIDELINES FOR THE CURRICULUM FOR SUCH POLICE EDUCATION AND TRAIN-  
28 ING COURSES SHALL BE PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER, IN CONSULTATION  
29 WITH THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES AND THE MUNICIPAL POLICE  
30 TRAINING COUNCIL. EACH HIGH SCHOOL OR PROGRAM MAY FURTHER DEVELOP ITS  
31 OWN CURRICULUM IN CONSULTATION WITH A UNIT OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF  
32 NEW YORK OR THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK HAVING A CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
33 SCHOOL OR PROGRAM.

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38 MORE THAN TWENTY CLASSES.

39 D. THE POLICE TRAINING CURRICULUM SHALL INCLUDE A SUMMER SCHOOL COMPO-  
40 NENT. THIS COMPONENT SHALL BE OFFERED AT ONE OR MORE OF THE CAMPUSES OF  
41 THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK OR THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK  
42 HAVING PROGRAMS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE. NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS THEREFOR  
43 SHALL BE MADE BY THE COMMISSIONER IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CHANCELLORS  
44 OF SUCH UNIVERSITIES. THE COMMISSIONER MAY, IN HIS OR HER DISCRETION,  
45 ARRANGE FOR A SUMMER SCHOOL COMPONENT TO BE OFFERED AT A COMMUNITY  
46 COLLEGE.

47 S 3. The education law is amended by adding a new section 319 to read  
48 as follows:

49 S 319. POLICE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS (POTC). 1. THE COMMISSIONER, IN  
50 COOPERATION WITH THE CHANCELLORS OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AND  
51 THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK SHALL ESTABLISH A POTC PROGRAM TO BE  
52 OFFERED AT EACH COLLEGE OF SUCH UNIVERSITIES OFFERING UNDERGRADUATE  
53 PROGRAMS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

54 2. SUCH POTC PROGRAM SHALL BE BASED ON THE RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING  
55 CORPS (ROTC) OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES.

1 S 4. The education law is amended by adding a new section 355-d to  
2 read as follows:

3 S 355-D. SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER EDUCATION AND TRAINING POWERS AND  
4 DUTIES. 1. THE STATE UNIVERSITY SHALL COOPERATE WITH THE COMMISSIONER IN  
5 ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING THE POLICE TRAINING SUMMER SCHOOL COMPO-  
6 NENT PROVIDED FOR IN SUBDIVISION FOUR OF SECTION TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED  
7 FOURTEEN OR SUBDIVISION FOUR OF SECTION TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE  
8 OF THIS CHAPTER.

9 2. THE STATE UNIVERSITY SHALL COOPERATE WITH THE COMMISSIONER IN  
10 ESTABLISHING A POLICE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS (POTC) PROVIDED FOR IN  
11 SECTION THREE HUNDRED NINETEEN OF THIS TITLE.

12 3. IN THE CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO UNDERGRADUATE  
13 CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAMS, AN APPLICANT'S GRADUATION FROM A POLICE  
14 TRAINING HIGH SCHOOL OR PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION FOUR  
15 OF SECTION TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED FOURTEEN OR SUBDIVISION FOUR OF SECTION  
16 TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE OF THIS CHAPTER SHALL BE REGARDED AS A  
17 FACTOR WEIGHING IN FAVOR OF ADMISSION.

18 S 5. The education law is amended by adding a new section 6204-b to  
19 read as follows:

20 S 6204-B. SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER EDUCATION AND TRAINING POWERS AND  
21 DUTIES. 1. THE CITY UNIVERSITY SHALL COOPERATE WITH THE COMMISSIONER IN  
22 ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING THE POLICE TRAINING SUMMER SCHOOL COMPO-  
23 NENT PROVIDED FOR IN SUBDIVISION FOUR OF SECTION TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED  
24 FOURTEEN OR SUBDIVISION FOUR OF SECTION TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE  
25 OF THIS CHAPTER.

26 2. THE CITY UNIVERSITY SHALL COOPERATE WITH THE COMMISSIONER IN ESTAB-  
27 LISHING A POLICE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS (POTC) PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION  
28 THREE HUNDRED NINETEEN OF THIS CHAPTER.

29 3. IN THE CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO JOHN JAY  
30 COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE OR ANY OTHER UNDERGRADUATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
31 PROGRAMS, AN APPLICANT'S GRADUATION FROM A POLICE TRAINING HIGH SCHOOL  
32 ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION FOUR OF SECTION TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED  
33 FOURTEEN OR SUBDIVISION FOUR OF SECTION TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE  
34 OF THIS CHAPTER SHALL BE REGARDED AS A FACTOR WEIGHING IN FAVOR OF  
35 ADMISSION.

36 S 6. Article 4 of the civil service law is amended by adding a new  
37 title C to read as follows:

#### 38 TITLE C

39 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR POLICE RECRUITMENT  
40 SECTION 67. SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR POLICE RECRUITMENT.

41 S 67. SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR POLICE RECRUITMENT. 1. (A) THE PROVISIONS  
42 OF THIS SECTION SHALL SUPERSEDE ANY INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS OF THIS  
43 ARTICLE AND SHALL APPLY TO THE RECRUITMENT OF PERSONS TO FILL ALL AVAIL-  
44 ABLE POSITIONS AS POLICE OFFICERS, AS THE TERM "POLICE OFFICER" IS  
45 DEFINED BY SUBDIVISION THIRTY-FOUR OF SECTION 1.20 OF THE CRIMINAL  
46 PROCEDURE LAW, IN ANY CITY WITH A POPULATION OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND OR  
47 MORE WHICH HAS ADOPTED A LOCAL LAW WHICH GRANTS ADDITIONAL CREDITS IN  
48 COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT AS DESCRIBED IN SUBDI-  
49 VISION TWO OF THIS SECTION.

50 (B) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE TERM "GRADUATE" MEANS A  
51 PERSON GRADUATED FROM A POLICE TRAINING HIGH SCHOOL OR PROGRAM ESTAB-  
52 LISHED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION FOUR OF SECTION TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED FOUR-  
53 TEEN OR SUBDIVISION FOUR OF SECTION TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE OF  
54 THE EDUCATION LAW.

55 2. ADDITIONAL CREDITS IN COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR ORIGINAL  
56 APPOINTMENT.

1 (A) IN ANY CITY WITH A POPULATION OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND OR MORE  
2 WHICH HAS ADOPTED A LOCAL LAW WHICH GRANTS ADDITIONAL CREDIT IN COMPETITIVE  
3 NOMINATIONS FOR ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT TO GRADUATES AS DEFINED IN  
4 PARAGRAPH (B) OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION, ON ALL ELIGIBLE LISTS  
5 RESULTING FROM COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS, THE NAMES OF ELIGIBLES SHALL BE  
6 ENTERED IN THE ORDER OF THEIR RESPECTIVE FINAL EARNED RATINGS ON EXAMINATION,  
7 WITH THE NAME OF THE ELIGIBLE WITH THE HIGHEST FINAL EARNED  
8 RATING AT THE HEAD OF SUCH LIST, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT FOR THE PURPOSE  
9 OF DETERMINING FINAL EARNED RATINGS, SUCH GRADUATES SHALL BE ENTITLED TO  
10 RECEIVE FIVE POINTS ADDITIONAL IN A COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR ORIGINAL  
11 APPOINTMENT.

12 (B) SUCH ADDITIONAL CREDIT SHALL BE ADDED TO THE FINAL EARNED RATING  
13 OF SUCH GRADUATE AFTER HE OR SHE HAS QUALIFIED IN THE COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION  
14 AND SHALL BE GRANTED ONLY AT THE TIME OF ESTABLISHMENT OF THE  
15 RESULTING ELIGIBLE LIST.

16 3. APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL CREDIT; PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY; ESTABLISHMENT  
17 OF ELIGIBLE LIST. ANY CANDIDATE, BELIEVING HIMSELF OR HERSELF ENTITLED  
18 TO ADDITIONAL CREDIT IN A COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION AS PROVIDED HEREIN,  
19 MAY MAKE APPLICATION FOR SUCH ADDITIONAL CREDIT AT ANY TIME BETWEEN  
20 THE DATE OF HIS OR HER APPLICATION FOR EXAMINATION AND THE DATE OF THE  
21 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RESULTING ELIGIBLE LIST. SUCH CANDIDATES SHALL BE  
22 ALLOWED A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THE FILING  
23 OF HIS OR HER APPLICATION FOR EXAMINATION IN WHICH TO ESTABLISH BY  
24 APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTARY PROOF HIS OR HER ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL  
25 CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION. AT ANY TIME AFTER TWO MONTHS HAVE  
26 ELAPSED SINCE THE FINAL DATE FOR FILING APPLICATIONS FOR A COMPETITIVE  
27 EXAMINATION FOR ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, THE ELIGIBLE LIST RESULTING FROM  
28 SUCH EXAMINATION MAY BE ESTABLISHED, NOTWITHSTANDING THE FACT THAT A  
29 GRADUATE WHO HAS APPLIED FOR ADDITIONAL CREDIT HAS FAILED TO ESTABLISH  
30 HIS OR HER ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE SUCH ADDITIONAL CREDIT. A CANDIDATE  
31 WHO FAILS TO ESTABLISH, BY APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTARY PROOF, HIS OR HER  
32 ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL CREDIT BY THE TIME AN ELIGIBLE LIST IS  
33 ESTABLISHED SHALL NOT THEREAFTER BE GRANTED ADDITIONAL CREDIT ON SUCH  
34 ELIGIBLE LIST.

35 4. THE ADDITIONAL CREDIT GRANTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE IN  
36 ADDITION TO ANY OTHER ADDITIONAL CREDIT THAT MAY BE AUTHORIZED PURSUANT  
37 TO ANY GENERAL, SPECIAL OR LOCAL LAW.

38 5. IN ADDITION TO CONSIDERATION OF COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION RESULTS,  
39 IN THE RECRUITMENT OF POLICE OFFICERS, ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION AND  
40 WEIGHT SHALL BE ACCORDED TO GRADUATES AS FOLLOWS:

41 (A) A GRADUATE'S STATUS AS AN APPLICANT WITH PERTINENT AND SPECIALIZED  
42 TRAINING SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE OF FITNESS FOR  
43 APPOINTMENT;

44 (B) A GRADUATE'S SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF AN UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM IN  
45 CRIMINAL JUSTICE SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE OF FITNESS  
46 FOR APPOINTMENT; AND

47 (C) A GRADUATE'S EMPLOYMENT BY A POLICE DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY IN A  
48 CIVILIAN OR NON-SWORN CAPACITY SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS ADDITIONAL  
49 EVIDENCE OF FITNESS FOR APPOINTMENT.

50 S 7. This act shall take effect immediately.