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Introduced by M. of A. DILAN -- read once and referred to the Committee 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 Assembly, 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 boroughs. 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 their discretion, arrange
10 for a summer school component to be offered at a community college.

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

14 Kindergartens, nursery ~~and~~, night schools and police training high
15 schools.

16 4. a. Each school district subject to the provisions of this article,
17 in a city having a population of one hundred thousand or more, may
18 establish a police training high school or police training programs in
19 an existing high school within its district, except that the city of New
20 York may establish such a high school in each of its boroughs. Such high
21 schools or programs shall serve students in grades nine through twelve
22 and shall provide, in addition to the standard high school curriculum
23 otherwise prescribed by law, specialized courses containing education
24 and training to prepare students for admission to police academies and
25 careers as police officers.

26 b. Guidelines for the curriculum for such police education and train-
27 ing courses shall be prescribed by the commissioner, in consultation
28 with the division of criminal justice services and the municipal police
29 training council. Each high school or program may further develop its
30 own curriculum in consultation with a unit of the state university of
31 New York or the city university of New York having a criminal justice
32 school or program.

33 c. Such high schools or programs shall serve students living in police
34 precincts having high juvenile delinquency rates. School authorities
35 shall recruit students from such areas. Each class shall contain no more
36 than twenty students, and each high school or program shall contain no
37 more than twenty classes.

38 d. The police training curriculum shall include a summer school compo-
39 nent. This component shall be offered at one or more of the campuses of
40 the city university of New York or the state university of New York
41 having programs in criminal justice. Necessary arrangements therefor
42 shall be made by the commissioner in consultation with the chancellors
43 of such universities. The commissioner may, in their discretion, arrange
44 for a summer school component to be offered at a community college.

45 § 3. The education law is amended by adding a new section 319 to read
46 as follows:

47 § 319. Police officer training corps (POTC). 1. The commissioner, in
48 cooperation with the chancellors of the city university of New York and
49 the state university of New York shall establish a POTC program to be
50 offered at each college of such universities offering undergraduate
51 programs in criminal justice.

52 2. Such POTC program shall be based on the reserve officer training
53 corps (ROTC) of the armed forces of the United States.

54 § 4. The education law is amended by adding a new section 355-f to
55 read as follows:

1 § 355-f. Special police officer education and training powers and
2 duties. 1. The state university shall cooperate with the commissioner in
3 establishing and implementing the police training summer school compo-
4 nent provided for in subdivision four of section twenty-five hundred
5 fourteen or subdivision four of section twenty-five hundred fifty-five
6 of this chapter.

7 2. The state university shall cooperate with the commissioner in
8 establishing a police officer training corps (POTC) provided for in
9 section three hundred nineteen of this title.

10 3. In the consideration of applications for admission to undergraduate
11 criminal justice programs, an applicant's graduation from a police
12 training high school or program established pursuant to subdivision four
13 of section twenty-five hundred fourteen or subdivision four of section
14 twenty-five hundred fifty-five of this chapter shall be regarded as a
15 factor weighing in favor of admission.

16 § 5. The education law is amended by adding a new section 6204-b to
17 read as follows:

18 § 6204-b. Special police officer education and training powers and
19 duties. 1. The city university shall cooperate with the commissioner in
20 establishing and implementing the police training summer school compo-
21 nent provided for in subdivision four of section twenty-five hundred
22 fourteen or subdivision four of section twenty-five hundred fifty-five
23 of this chapter.

24 2. The city university shall cooperate with the commissioner in estab-
25 lishing a police officer training corps (POTC) provided for in section
26 three hundred nineteen of this chapter.

27 3. In the consideration of applications for admission to John Jay
28 college of criminal justice or any other undergraduate criminal justice
29 programs, an applicant's graduation from a police training high school
30 established pursuant to subdivision four of section twenty-five hundred
31 fourteen or subdivision four of section twenty-five hundred fifty-five
32 of this chapter shall be regarded as a factor weighing in favor of
33 admission.

34 § 6. Article 4 of the civil service law is amended by adding a new
35 title C to read as follows:

36 TITLE C

37 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR POLICE RECRUITMENT

38 Section 67. Special provisions for police recruitment.

39 § 67. Special provisions for police recruitment. 1. (a) The provisions
40 of this section shall supersede any inconsistent provisions of this
41 article and shall apply to the recruitment of persons to fill all avail-
42 able positions as police officers, as the term "police officer" is
43 defined by subdivision thirty-four of section 1.20 of the criminal
44 procedure law, in any city with a population of one hundred thousand or
45 more which has adopted a local law which grants additional credits in
46 competitive examinations for original appointment as described in subdi-
47 vision two of this section.

48 (b) For the purposes of this section, the term "graduate" means a
49 person graduated from a police training high school or program estab-
50 lished pursuant to subdivision four of section twenty-five hundred four-
51 teen or subdivision four of section twenty-five hundred fifty-five of
52 the education law.

53 2. Additional credits in competitive examinations for original
54 appointment.

55 (a) In any city with a population of one hundred thousand or more
56 which has adopted a local law which grants additional credit in compet-

1 itive nominations for original appointment to graduates as defined in
2 paragraph (b) of subdivision one of this section, on all eligible lists
3 resulting from competitive examinations, the names of eligibles shall be
4 entered in the order of their respective final earned ratings on exam-
5 ination, with the name of the eligible with the highest final earned
6 rating at the head of such list, provided, however, that for the purpose
7 of determining final earned ratings, such graduates shall be entitled to
8 receive five points additional in a competitive examination for original
9 appointment.

10 (b) Such additional credit shall be added to the final earned rating
11 of such graduate after they have qualified in the competitive examina-
12 tion and shall be granted only at the time of establishment of the
13 resulting eligible list.

14 3. Application for additional credit; proof of eligibility; establish-
15 ment of eligible list. Any candidate, believing themself entitled to
16 additional credit in a competitive examination as provided herein, may
17 make application for such additional credit at any time between the date
18 of their application for examination and the date of the establishment
19 of the resulting eligible list. Such candidates shall be allowed a peri-
20 od of not less than two months from the date of the filing of their
21 application for examination in which to establish by appropriate docu-
22 mentary proof their eligibility to receive additional credit under this
23 section. At any time after two months have elapsed since the final date
24 for filing applications for a competitive examination for original
25 appointment, the eligible list resulting from such examination may be
26 established, notwithstanding the fact that a graduate who has applied
27 for additional credit has failed to establish their eligibility to
28 receive such additional credit. A candidate who fails to establish, by
29 appropriate documentary proof, their eligibility to receive additional
30 credit by the time an eligible list is established shall not thereafter
31 be granted additional credit on such eligible list.

32 4. The additional credit granted pursuant to this section shall be in
33 addition to any other additional credit that may be authorized pursuant
34 to any general, special or local law.

35 5. In addition to consideration of competitive examination results,
36 in the recruitment of police officers, additional consideration and
37 weight shall be accorded to graduates as follows:

38 (a) A graduate's status as an applicant with pertinent and specialized
39 training shall be considered as additional evidence of fitness for
40 appointment;

41 (b) A graduate's successful completion of an undergraduate program in
42 criminal justice shall be considered as additional evidence of fitness
43 for appointment; and

44 (c) A graduate's employment by a police department or agency in a
45 civilian or non-sworn capacity shall be considered as additional
46 evidence of fitness for appointment.

47 § 7. This act shall take effect immediately.