

# SENATE BILL 666

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By: **Senator Edwards**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission –**  
3 **Acceptance of Out-of-State Training**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to  
5 establish a certain process for certifying an individual who completes a police  
6 training program in another state or military police academy; and generally relating  
7 to police training programs.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Public Safety  
10 Section 3–207(a)(23) and (24)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2018 Replacement Volume)

13 BY adding to  
14 Article – Public Safety  
15 Section 3–207(a)(25)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2018 Replacement Volume)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
19 Article – Public Safety  
20 Section 3–209(a)  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (2018 Replacement Volume)

23 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
24 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

25 **Article – Public Safety**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 3-207.

2 (a) The Commission has the following powers and duties:

3 (23) to perform any other act, including adopting regulations, that is  
4 necessary or appropriate to carry out the powers and duties of the Commission under this  
5 subtitle; [and]

6 (24) to consult and cooperate with commanders of SWAT teams to develop  
7 standards for training and deployment of SWAT teams and of law enforcement officers who  
8 are not members of a SWAT team who conduct no-knock warrant service in the State based  
9 on best practices in the State and nationwide; AND

10 **(25) TO ESTABLISH A PROCESS FOR CERTIFYING AN INDIVIDUAL WHO**  
11 **COMPLETES A POLICE TRAINING PROGRAM IN ANOTHER STATE OR MILITARY**  
12 **POLICE ACADEMY, INCLUDING:**

13 **(I) DETERMINING IF THE PROGRAM IS OF EQUAL QUALITY AND**  
14 **CONTENT AS REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION;**

15 **(II) DEVELOPING A SYSTEM IN WHICH AN INDIVIDUAL MAY**  
16 **RECEIVE CREDIT TOWARDS CERTIFICATION BY THE COMMISSION FOR COMPLETION**  
17 **OF A POLICE TRAINING PROGRAM IN ANOTHER STATE OR MILITARY POLICE**  
18 **ACADEMY THAT IS NOT SUFFICIENT FOR THE INDIVIDUAL TO ACHIEVE**  
19 **CERTIFICATION UNDER § 3-209(A)(1)(II) OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND**

20 **(III) ALLOWING AN INDIVIDUAL WHO RECEIVES CREDIT UNDER**  
21 **ITEM (II) OF THIS ITEM TO COMPLETE THE REQUIRED TRAINING IN A STATE POLICE**  
22 **TRAINING PROGRAM.**

23 3-209.

24 (a) The Commission shall certify as a police officer each individual who:

25 (1) (i) satisfactorily meets the standards of the Commission; or

26 (ii) provides the Commission with sufficient evidence that the  
27 individual has satisfactorily completed a training program in another state of equal quality  
28 and content as required by the Commission;

29 (2) submits to a psychological evaluation; and

30 (3) submits to a criminal history records check in accordance with §  
31 3-209.1 of this subtitle.

1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2   October 1, 2019.