

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 863 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY D. WILLIAMS, KINSEY, MADDEN, SANCHEZ AND GREEN, APRIL 10, 2023

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 4, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in employees, further providing for
3 powers and duties of commission.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 2164(8) of Title 53 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 2164. Powers and duties of commission.

9 The powers and duties of the commission shall be as follows:

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11 (8) To require minimum standards for physical fitness,
12 psychological evaluation and education as prerequisites to
13 employment as a police officer. The minimum standards shall <--
14 require an applicant for certification to score no lower than
15 the 30th percentile of the Cooper standards, which coincides
16 with the 30th percentile of the general population, for each
17 required evaluation to be eligible for employment as a police
18 officer. A school may not enroll an individual into a recruit

~~training program certified by the commission unless the individual has obtained a score in the 15th percentile or higher for the individual's age and gender as specified in the Cooper standards for each required evaluation. THE~~

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FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY:

(I) THE MINIMUM PHYSICAL FITNESS STANDARDS SHALL REQUIRE AN APPLICANT FOR CERTIFICATION TO SCORE NO LOWER THAN THE 30TH PERCENTILE OF THE COOPER STANDARDS, WHICH COINCIDES WITH THE 30TH PERCENTILE OF THE GENERAL POPULATION, FOR EACH REQUIRED EVALUATION TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR EMPLOYMENT AS A POLICE OFFICER. A SCHOOL MAY NOT ENROLL AN INDIVIDUAL INTO A RECRUIT TRAINING PROGRAM CERTIFIED BY THE COMMISSION UNLESS THE INDIVIDUAL HAS OBTAINED A SCORE IN THE 15TH PERCENTILE OR HIGHER FOR THE INDIVIDUAL'S AGE AND GENDER AS SPECIFIED IN THE COOPER STANDARDS FOR EACH REQUIRED EVALUATION.

(II) THE MINIMUM EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS SHALL REQUIRE AN APPLICANT TO DEMONSTRATE READING COMPREHENSION THROUGH A READING COMPREHENSION TEST APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION, WHICH SHALL TRANSMIT NOTICE OF APPROVED READING COMPREHENSION TESTS TO THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU FOR PUBLICATION IN THE NEXT AVAILABLE ISSUE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA BULLETIN AND ON THE COMMISSION'S PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE INTERNET WEBSITE.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.