

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 863 Session of 2023

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AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, NOVEMBER 13, 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 following shall apply:

14 (i) The minimum physical fitness standards shall
15 require an applicant for certification to score no lower
16 than the 30th percentile of the Cooper standards, which
17 coincides with the 30th percentile of the general
18 population, for each required evaluation to be eligible

1 for employment as a police officer. A school may not
2 enroll an individual into a recruit training program
3 certified by the commission unless the individual has
4 obtained a score in the 15th percentile or higher for the
5 individual's age and gender as specified in the Cooper
6 standards for each required evaluation.

7 (ii) The minimum educational standards shall require
8 an applicant to demonstrate reading comprehension through
9 a reading comprehension test approved by the commission, <--
10 which. LOCAL JURISDICTIONS MAY SUBMIT READING <--
11 COMPREHENSION TESTS TO THE COMMISSION FOR CONSIDERATION.
12 THE COMMISSION shall transmit notice of approved reading
13 comprehension tests to the Legislative Reference Bureau
14 for publication in the next available issue of the
15 Pennsylvania Bulletin and on the commission's publicly
16 accessible Internet website.

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