

HOUSE BILL No. 2081

By Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

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9 AN ACT concerning county jails; relating to officer training.

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11 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

12 Section 1. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), no person shall
13 receive a permanent appointment as a jail officer unless awarded a cer-
14 tificate by the sheriff which attests to satisfactory completion of a basic
15 course of preparatory training as provided further. Such training shall be
16 approved by the sheriff or the sheriff's designee and shall consist of not
17 less than 60 hours of instruction. The certificate shall be effective during
18 the term of a person's employment, except that any person who has ter-
19 minated employment with the sheriff for a period exceeding one year
20 shall be required to be certified again.

21 (b) The sheriff may award a certificate which attests to the satisfactory
22 completion of training to any person who has been duly certified under
23 the laws of another state or territory if, in the opinion of the sheriff, the
24 requirements for certification in the other jurisdiction are equal to or
25 exceed the requirements for certification in this state. The sheriff may
26 waive any number of hours or courses required to complete the basic
27 training for any person who, in the opinion of the sheriff, has received
28 sufficient training or experience that such hours of instruction would be
29 unduly burdensome or duplicitous.

30 (c) Every jail officer shall receive not less than 16 hours of in-service
31 training annually.

32 (d) Preparatory training shall include, but not be limited to, courses
33 covering the following subjects: Interpersonal communication, self-de-
34 fense, first aid, cardiac pulmonary resuscitation, ethics, suicide prevention
35 and inmate supervision training.

36 (e) Employees shall:

37 (1) Obtain a passing grade in all courses except competency based
38 courses. Competency based courses shall be passed by demonstrating the
39 achievement of course objectives to the satisfaction of the instructors; and

40 (2) successfully complete the training within six months. Under jus-
41 tifiable circumstances, this period may be extended by the sheriff for an
42 additional six months.

43 (f) As used in this section, "jail officer" means an employee of the

1 county working at a county jail with responsibility for maintaining custody,
2 security and control of individuals in the custody of the sheriff at the jail.
3 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
4 publication in the statute book.