



**94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**State of Illinois**  
**2005 and 2006**  
**HB0491**

Introduced 1/27/2005, by Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

50 ILCS 705/7

from Ch. 85, par. 507

Amends the Illinois Police Training Act. Requires that the police training curriculum include cultural sensitivity training.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES  
ACT MAY REQUIRE  
REIMBURSEMENT

1 AN ACT concerning law enforcement.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Police Training Act is amended by  
5 changing Section 7 as follows:

6 (50 ILCS 705/7) (from Ch. 85, par. 507)

7 Sec. 7. Rules and standards for schools. The Board shall  
8 adopt rules and minimum standards for such schools which shall  
9 include but not be limited to the following:

10 a. The curriculum for probationary police officers which  
11 shall be offered by all certified schools shall include but not  
12 be limited to courses of arrest, search and seizure, civil  
13 rights, human relations, cultural diversity, including racial,  
14 cultural, and ethnic sensitivity, criminal law, law of criminal  
15 procedure, vehicle and traffic law including uniform and  
16 non-discriminatory enforcement of the Illinois Vehicle Code,  
17 traffic control and accident investigation, techniques of  
18 obtaining physical evidence, court testimonies, statements,  
19 reports, firearms training, first-aid (including  
20 cardiopulmonary resuscitation), handling of juvenile  
21 offenders, recognition of mental conditions which require  
22 immediate assistance and methods to safeguard and provide  
23 assistance to a person in need of mental treatment, law of  
24 evidence, the hazards of high-speed police vehicle chases with  
25 an emphasis on alternatives to the high-speed chase, and  
26 physical training. The curriculum shall include specific  
27 training in techniques for immediate response to and  
28 investigation of cases of domestic violence and of sexual  
29 assault of adults and children. The curriculum for permanent  
30 police officers shall include but not be limited to (1)  
31 refresher and in-service training in any of the courses listed  
32 above in this subparagraph, (2) advanced courses in any of the

1 subjects listed above in this subparagraph, (3) training for  
2 supervisory personnel, and (4) specialized training in  
3 subjects and fields to be selected by the board.

4 b. Minimum courses of study, attendance requirements and  
5 equipment requirements.

6 c. Minimum requirements for instructors.

7 d. Minimum basic training requirements, which a  
8 probationary police officer must satisfactorily complete  
9 before being eligible for permanent employment as a local law  
10 enforcement officer for a participating local governmental  
11 agency. Those requirements shall include training in first aid  
12 (including cardiopulmonary resuscitation).

13 e. Minimum basic training requirements, which a  
14 probationary county corrections officer must satisfactorily  
15 complete before being eligible for permanent employment as a  
16 county corrections officer for a participating local  
17 governmental agency.

18 f. Minimum basic training requirements which a  
19 probationary court security officer must satisfactorily  
20 complete before being eligible for permanent employment as a  
21 court security officer for a participating local governmental  
22 agency. The Board shall establish those training requirements  
23 which it considers appropriate for court security officers and  
24 shall certify schools to conduct that training.

25 A person hired to serve as a court security officer must  
26 obtain from the Board a certificate (i) attesting to his or her  
27 successful completion of the training course; (ii) attesting to  
28 his or her satisfactory completion of a training program of  
29 similar content and number of hours that has been found  
30 acceptable by the Board under the provisions of this Act; or  
31 (iii) attesting to the Board's determination that the training  
32 course is unnecessary because of the person's extensive prior  
33 law enforcement experience.

34 Individuals who currently serve as court security officers  
35 shall be deemed qualified to continue to serve in that capacity  
36 so long as they are certified as provided by this Act within 24

1 months of the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1996.  
2 Failure to be so certified, absent a waiver from the Board,  
3 shall cause the officer to forfeit his or her position.

4 All individuals hired as court security officers on or  
5 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1996 shall  
6 be certified within 12 months of the date of their hire, unless  
7 a waiver has been obtained by the Board, or they shall forfeit  
8 their positions.

9 The Sheriff's Merit Commission, if one exists, or the  
10 Sheriff's Office if there is no Sheriff's Merit Commission,  
11 shall maintain a list of all individuals who have filed  
12 applications to become court security officers and who meet the  
13 eligibility requirements established under this Act. Either  
14 the Sheriff's Merit Commission, or the Sheriff's Office if no  
15 Sheriff's Merit Commission exists, shall establish a schedule  
16 of reasonable intervals for verification of the applicants'  
17 qualifications under this Act and as established by the Board.

18 (Source: P.A. 93-209, eff. 7-18-03.)