STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2006

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

Introduced By: Representatives Lewiss, and Kennedy

Date Introduced: June 20, 2006

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 12-7-21 of the General Laws in Chapter 12-7 entitled "Arrest" is hereby amended to read as follows:

12-7-21. "Peace officer" defined. "Peace officer", as used within this chapter, means the following individuals or members of:

(1) Rhode Island state police;
(2) Any member of a municipal or local police department;
(3) Rhode Island marshals,
(4) Rhode Island airport corporation police;
(5) Rhode Island park police;
(6) Rhode Island capitol police;
(7) Rhode Island conservation officers;
(8) Rhode Island department of environmental management officers;
(9) Rhode Island fire marshals;
(10) Brown University police officers;
(11) University of Rhode Island campus police officers;
(12) Rhode Island College campus security;
(13) Campus security at the Community College of Rhode Island;
(14) Rhode Island sheriff's department;
(15) Rhode Island drug enforcement officers;
(16) The investigators of the department of attorney general appointed pursuant to section 42-9-8.1;

(17) The director, assistant director, and other inspectors and agents of the Rhode Island state fugitive task force appointed pursuant to section 12-6-7.2;

(18) Any federal law enforcement officer;

(19) Correctional investigators and correctional officers of the Rhode Island department of corrections; and

(20) The witness protection coordinator of the department of attorney general; and

(21) Any member of a municipal police reserve.

SECTION 2. Section 42-28.2-8 of the General Laws in Chapter 42 entitled "Police Officers - Commission on Standards and Training" is hereby amended to read as follows:

42-28.2-8. Establishment of standards. – (1) The commission on standards and training shall prepare and publish mandatory training standards, not applicable to the city of Providence, and to be promulgated with due consideration to varying factors and special requirements of local police agencies, the division of enforcement of the department of environmental management and the board of regents relative to:

(a) Minimum standards of physical, educational, mental and moral fitness which shall govern the recruitment, selection, and apportionment of police officers; provided, however, that the minimum height and weight standards for local police officers shall be determined by each municipality.

(b) The commission with the approval of the governor will establish the courses of training, and set rules and regulations relative to the education, physical standards, and personal character of candidates and trainees.

(c) Minimum course of study, attendance requirements, equipment, and facilities required at the municipal police training school, or other approved training schools certified pursuant to section 42-28.2-6.

(d) Minimum qualification for instructors at the municipal police training school, or other approved training schools certified pursuant to section 42-28.2-6.

(e) Minimum basic training requirements which police officers appointed to probationary terms shall complete before being eligible for continued or permanent employment, and the term within which that basic training must be completed following such appointment to a probationary term.

(f) Minimum basic training requirements which police officers not appointed for probationary terms but appointed on other than a permanent basis shall complete before being
eligible for continued employment.

(g) Categories or classifications of advanced in-service training programs and minimum courses of study and attendance requirements for those categories or classifications.

(h) The establishment of subordinate regional training centers in strategic geographic locations in order to serve the greatest number of local police agencies that are unable to support their own training programs.

(i) The commission shall establish a schedule of sessions of the school, of which there shall be a minimum of one session per year.

(j) The commission shall authorize the establishment of police training schools by any municipality which demonstrates that it can satisfactorily meet the minimum standards established for police training schools.

(2) The commission shall develop and administer a training program which is appropriate to part-time police officers and which will serve as certification for Municipal Police Reserve Officers.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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1 This act would recognize Municipal Police Reserves within the definition of Peace
2 Officers and would create a training program for part-time police officers and which will serve as
3 certification for Municipal Police Reserve Officers.
4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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