

HB 1245 -- Peace Officers

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This bill establishes a process for obtaining a temporary peace officer license. Applicants must have completed at least one year of peace officer work, which may be as a reserve officer, a certified peace officer, or a similar position in the military; completed at least 120 hours of law enforcement training; and have an offer of employment from a law enforcement agency. The Department of Public Safety must establish a procedure for the issuing of these licenses. A temporary license will be valid for one year and will allow the temporary officer to work up to 120 hours during that year. Temporary officers must work at least 36 hours per quarter and must be accompanied at all times by a licensed officer or a training officer. Upon completing 120 hours of work, the temporary officer may take a test for the regular peace officer license, without receiving additional training. Once obtaining a regular license, the officer will be required to receive 24 hours of continuing education every three years.