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HOUSE BILL NO. 893

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 590.040, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to peace officer training on canines.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 590.040, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 590.040, to read as follows:

590.040. 1. The POST commission shall set the minimum number of hours of basic training for licensure as a peace officer no lower than six hundred, with the following exceptions:

(1) Up to one thousand hours may be mandated for any class of license required for commission by a state law enforcement agency;

(2) As few as one hundred twenty hours may be mandated for any class of license restricted to commission as a reserve peace officer with police powers limited to the commissioning political subdivision;

(3) Persons validly licensed on August 28, 2001, may retain licensure without additional basic training;

(4) Persons licensed and commissioned within a county of the third classification before July 1, 2002, may retain licensure with one hundred twenty hours of basic training if the commissioning political subdivision has adopted an order or ordinance to that effect;

(5) Persons serving as a reserve officer on August 27, 2001, within a county of the first classification or a county with a charter form of government and with more than one million inhabitants on August 27, 2001, having previously completed a minimum of one hundred sixty hours of training, shall be granted a license necessary to function as a reserve

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 peace officer only within such county. For the purposes of this subdivision, the term "reserve
19 officer" shall mean any person who serves in a less than full-time law enforcement capacity,
20 with or without pay and who, without certification, has no power of arrest and who, without
21 certification, must be under the direct and immediate accompaniment of a certified peace
22 officer of the same agency at all times while on duty; and

23 (6) The POST commission shall provide for the recognition of basic training received
24 at law enforcement training centers of other states, the military, the federal government and
25 territories of the United States regardless of the number of hours included in such training and
26 shall have authority to require supplemental training as a condition of eligibility for licensure.

27 2. The director shall have the authority to limit any exception provided in subsection
28 1 of this section to persons remaining in the same commission or transferring to a commission
29 in a similar jurisdiction.

30 3. The basic training of every peace officer, except agents of the conservation
31 commission, shall include at least thirty hours of training in the investigation and
32 management of cases involving domestic and family violence. Such training shall include
33 instruction, specific to domestic and family violence cases, regarding: report writing;
34 physical abuse, sexual abuse, child fatalities and child neglect; interviewing children and
35 alleged perpetrators; the nature, extent and causes of domestic and family violence; the safety
36 of victims, other family and household members and investigating officers; legal rights and
37 remedies available to victims, including rights to compensation and the enforcement of civil
38 and criminal remedies; services available to victims and their children; the effects of cultural,
39 racial and gender bias in law enforcement; and state statutes. Said curriculum shall be
40 developed and presented in consultation with the department of health and senior services, the
41 children's division, public and private providers of programs for victims of domestic and
42 family violence, persons who have demonstrated expertise in training and education
43 concerning domestic and family violence, and the Missouri coalition against domestic
44 violence.

45 **4. The basic training of every peace officer shall include at least four hours of**
46 **training on officer-canine encounters and canine behaviors. Such training shall include**
47 **instruction on the following:**

- 48 (1) **Understanding and anticipating canine behavior;**
49 (2) **Handling canine-related calls and unplanned encounters with canines;**
50 (3) **The use of humane methods and tools in handling canine encounters;**
51 (4) **State laws relating to canines;**
52 (5) **The use of force continuum principles in relation to canines; and**

53 **(6) The use of nonlethal methods to avoid and defend against potential canine**
54 **attacks.**

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