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SB-652 Private security services: security guards: training. (2025-2026)

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Senate Bill No. 652

CHAPTER 94

An act to amend Sections 7583.6 and 7583.10 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to professions and vocations.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 652, Richardson. Private security services: security guards: training.

Existing law, the Private Security Services Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of private patrol operators by the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services, and makes violations of its provisions a crime. Existing law prohibits a licensee from allowing an employee to perform the functions of a security guard without confirming that the person holds a current and valid security guard registration. Existing law requires an applicant for a security guard registration to complete a course in the exercise of the power to arrest and the appropriate use of force as a condition for the issuance of the registration, as provided. Existing law authorizes a licensee, among others, to administer, test, and certify those trainings. Existing law requires the application to be verified and include specified information, including a statement that the applicant has completed the training course in the exercise of the power to arrest and the appropriate use of force.

This bill would require the training to be administered and certified by a single course provider, as provided, and to be completed within 6 months preceding the date the application is submitted to the bureau. The bill would also authorize a licensee to administer, test, and certify those trainings, provided that the licensee is required to provide the training only to their applicants for employment and direct employees. The bill would also require the above-described statement on completion of the training course to include that it was completed within 6 months preceding the date the application is submitted to the bureau. By expanding the scope of a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: yes

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 7583.6 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

7583.6. (a) Each applicant for a security guard registration shall complete a course in the exercise of the power to arrest and the appropriate use of force as a condition for the issuance of the registration. A course provider authorized to provide the training pursuant to Section 7583.7 shall issue a certificate of completion to the person upon satisfactory completion of the training. The course provider shall conduct the training in accordance with Section 7583.7 and any applicable regulations adopted by the bureau. The training shall be administered and certified by a single course provider, pursuant to subdivision (f), and shall be completed within six months preceding the date the application is submitted to the bureau.

(b) Except for a registrant who has completed the course of training required by Section 7583.45, a security guard registrant shall complete not less than 32 hours of training in security officer skills within six months from the date an initial registration is issued. A security guard registrant shall complete 16 of the 32 hours within 30 days from the date the registration is issued.

(c) A course provider, which is authorized to provide the training required by subdivision (b) pursuant to subdivision (f), shall issue a certificate of completion to a registrant after the registrant completes each training course. The course provider shall conduct the trainings in accordance with any applicable regulations adopted by the bureau subject to this chapter.

(d) (1) A registrant who is unable to provide their employing licensee the certificate of satisfactory completion of the training required by subdivision (a) shall complete the training within six months of the registrant's employment date.

(2) A registrant who is unable to provide their employing licensee the certificate of satisfactory completion of the training required by subdivision (b) shall complete 16 hours of the training within 30 days of the registrant's employment date and shall complete the 16 remaining hours within six months of the registrant's employment date.

(e) A registrant shall annually complete eight hours of specifically dedicated review or practice of security officer skills prescribed in this section, Section 7583.7, or by the bureau by regulation.

(f) The trainings specified in this section may be administered, tested, and certified by one of the following:

(1) Any licensee, provided that the licensee shall provide the training only to their applicants for employment and direct employees.

(2) Any training facility certified pursuant to this chapter.

(3) Any organization or school approved by the bureau. The bureau shall approve any instructor of an organization or school who will administer the trainings specified in this section to ensure that the organization or school complies with the requirements of this chapter, as well as any applicable regulations.

(g) (1) A registrant shall maintain the certificate of completion the registrant received for each training course prescribed in this section until the registration expires or has been canceled. The registrant shall provide the records to the bureau upon request.

(2) A licensee shall maintain at the principal place of business or branch office a record for each of its registrant employees verifying completion of the trainings required by this section for the duration of the registrant's employment. The records shall be available for inspection by the bureau upon request.

(h) This section does not apply to a peace officer as defined in Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 830) of Title 3 of Part 2 of the Penal Code who has successfully completed a course of study in the exercise of the power to arrest and the appropriate use of force approved by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training or a federal qualified law enforcement officer, as defined in Section 926B of Title 18 of the United States Code, who has successfully completed a course of study in the exercise of the power to arrest and the appropriate use of force.

(i) This section does not apply to armored vehicle guards.

(j) (1) The bureau shall develop and approve by regulation a standard course and curriculum for the skills trainings required by this section to promote and protect the safety of persons and the security of property.

(2) The bureau shall develop an outline for the course and curriculum described in paragraph (1) in consultation with the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training.

SEC. 2. Section 7583.10 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

7583.10. The application shall be verified and shall include all of the following:

- (a) The full name, residence address, telephone number, and date of birth of the applicant.
- (b) The name of the entity that administered the course in the exercise of the power to arrest and the appropriate use of force to the applicant.
 - (1) If the course provider is a licensee, the bureau-issued license number.
 - (2) If the course provider is a certified firearms training facility or baton training facility, the bureau-issued facility certificate number.
 - (3) If the course provider is an approved trainer in the exercise of the power to arrest and the appropriate use of force, the approved trainer number issued by the bureau.
- (c) The name of the person who taught the course in the exercise of the power to arrest and the appropriate use of force completed by the applicant.
- (d) The serial number on the certificate of completion the course provider issued to the applicant upon completion of the course in the exercise of the power to arrest and the appropriate use of force.
- (e) A statement that the applicant has completed the training course in the exercise of the power to arrest and the appropriate use of force, as specified in Section 7583.7, within six months preceding the date the application is submitted to the bureau, pursuant to Section 7583.6.
- (f) A statement as to whether the applicant has been convicted of a misdemeanor, excluding minor traffic violations.
- (g) A statement as to whether the applicant has been convicted of a felony.
- (h) The application fee provided for in this chapter or the regulations adopted pursuant thereto, except as provided in Section 7583.9.
- (i) This section shall become operative on July 1, 2023.

SEC. 3. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.