

Senate Bill 1001

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE (at the request of Search and Rescue Task Force)

SUMMARY

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Directs Board on Public Safety Standards and Training to establish curriculum for search and rescue management training for public safety personnel.

Requires certified public safety personnel to receive search and rescue training.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to search and rescue training for public safety personnel; creating new provisions; and
3 amending ORS 181.640.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2007 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 181.610 to**
6 **181.712.**

7 **SECTION 2. The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training shall include in the**
8 **minimum training required for basic certification as a public safety officer the law, theory,**
9 **policies and practices related to search and rescue management.**

10 **SECTION 3. ORS 181.640 is amended to read:**

11 181.640. (1) In accordance with any applicable provision of ORS chapter 183, to promote
12 enforcement of law and fire services by improving the competence of public safety personnel and
13 their support staffs, and in consultation with the agencies for which the Board on Public Safety
14 Standards and Training and Department of Public Safety Standards and Training provide standards,
15 certification, accreditation and training:

16 (a) The department shall recommend and the board shall establish by rule reasonable minimum
17 standards of physical, emotional, intellectual and moral fitness for public safety personnel and in-
18 structors.

19 (b) The department shall recommend and the board shall establish by rule reasonable minimum
20 training for all levels of professional development, basic through executive, including but not limited
21 to courses or subjects for instruction and qualifications for public safety personnel and instructors.
22 Training requirements shall be consistent with the funding available in the department's
23 legislatively approved budget.

24 (c) The department, in consultation with the board, shall establish by rule a procedure or pro-
25 cedures to be used by law enforcement units, public or private safety agencies or the Oregon Youth
26 Authority to determine whether public safety personnel meet minimum standards or have minimum
27 training.

28 (d) Subject to such terms and conditions as the department may impose, the department shall
29 certify instructors and public safety personnel, except youth correction officers, as being qualified
30 under the rules established by the board.

31 (e) The department shall deny applications for training and deny, suspend and revoke certif-

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1 ication in the manner provided in ORS 181.661, 181.662 and 181.664 (1).

2 (f) The department shall cause inspection of standards and training for instructors and public
3 safety personnel, except youth correction officers, to be made.

4 (g) The department may recommend and the board may establish by rule accreditation stan-
5 dards, levels and categories for mandated and nonmandated public safety personnel training or ed-
6 ucational programs. The department and board, in consultation, may establish to what extent
7 training or educational programs provided by an accredited university, college, community college
8 or public safety agency may serve as equivalent to mandated training or as a prerequisite to man-
9 dated training. Programs offered by accredited universities, colleges or community colleges may be
10 considered equivalent to mandated training only in academic areas.

11 **(h) The department shall recommend and the board shall establish by rule a curriculum**
12 **for training public safety personnel in search and rescue management.**

13 (2) The department may:

14 (a) Contract or otherwise cooperate with any person or agency of government for the procure-
15 ment of services or property;

16 (b) Accept gifts or grants of services or property;

17 (c) Establish fees for determining whether a training or educational program meets the accred-
18 itation standards established under subsection (1)(g) of this section;

19 (d) Maintain and furnish to law enforcement units and public and private safety agencies infor-
20 mation on applicants for appointment as instructors or public safety personnel, except youth cor-
21 rection officers, in any part of the state; and

22 (e) Establish fees to allow recovery of the full costs incurred in providing services to private
23 entities or in providing services as experts or expert witnesses.

24 (3) The department, in consultation with the board, may:

25 (a) Upon the request of a law enforcement unit or public safety agency, conduct surveys or aid
26 cities and counties to conduct surveys through qualified public or private agencies and assist in the
27 implementation of any recommendations resulting from such surveys.

28 (b) Upon the request of law enforcement units or public safety agencies, conduct studies and
29 make recommendations concerning means by which requesting units can coordinate or combine their
30 resources.

31 (c) Stimulate research by public and private agencies to improve police, fire service, corrections
32 and adult parole and probation administration and law enforcement.

33 (d) Provide grants from funds appropriated or available therefor, to law enforcement units,
34 public safety agencies, special districts, cities, counties and private entities to carry out the pro-
35 visions of this subsection.

36 (e) Provide optional training programs for persons who operate lockups. The term "lockup" has
37 the meaning given it in ORS 169.005.

38 (f) Provide optional training programs for public safety personnel and their support staffs.

39 (g) Enter into agreements with federal, state or other governmental agencies to provide training
40 or other services in exchange for receiving training, fees or services of generally equivalent value.

41 (h) Upon the request of a law enforcement unit or public safety agency employing public safety
42 personnel, except youth correction officers, grant an officer, fire service professional, telecommu-
43 nicator or emergency medical dispatcher a multidiscipline certification consistent with the minimum
44 requirements adopted or approved by the board. Multidiscipline certification authorizes an officer,
45 fire service professional, telecommunicator or emergency medical dispatcher to work in any of the

1 disciplines for which the officer, fire service professional, telecommunicator or emergency medical
2 dispatcher is certified. The provisions of ORS 181.652, 181.653 and 181.667 relating to lapse of cer-
3 tification do not apply to an officer or fire service professional certified under this paragraph as
4 long as the officer or fire service professional maintains full-time employment in one of the certified
5 disciplines and meets the training standards established by the board.

6 (i) Establish fees and guidelines for the use of the facilities of the training academy operated
7 by the department and for nonmandated training provided to federal, state or other governmental
8 agencies, private entities or individuals.

9 (4) Pursuant to ORS chapter 183, the board, in consultation with the department, shall adopt
10 rules necessary to carry out the board's duties and powers.

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12 rules necessary to carry out the department's duties and powers.

13 (6) For efficiency, board and department rules may be adopted jointly as a single set of combined
14 rules with the approval of the board and the department.

15 (7) The department shall obtain approval of the board before submitting its legislative concepts,
16 Emergency Board request or budget requests to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services.

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