

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, January 21, 1997

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### **An Act to Provide a Time Limit Extension for Basic Corrections Training.**

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Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.  
Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative WHEELER of Bridgewater.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, JONES of Greenville,  
McALEVEY of Waterboro, O'NEAL of Limestone.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2804-D**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 551, §3,  
is further amended to read:

6 **§2804-D. Basic corrections training**

8 **1. Required.** As a condition to the continued employment of  
any person as a full-time corrections officer by a municipality,  
10 a county, the State or any other nonfederal employer, that person  
must successfully complete, within the first 12 months of  
12 employment, a basic training course of not less than 80 hours as  
approved by the board. Thereafter, as a condition of continued  
14 employment as a full-time corrections officer, the officer must  
satisfactorily maintain the basic certification. The board,  
16 under extenuating and emergency circumstances in individual  
cases, may extend the 12-month period for not more than 90 days.  
The board, in individual cases, may waive basic training  
18 requirements when the facts indicate that an equivalent course  
has been successfully completed in another state or federal  
20 jurisdiction within the 2 years immediately preceding  
employment. This section applies to any person employed as a  
22 full-time corrections officer on or after July 6, 1978.  
Administrators of facilities where there are corrections officers  
24 who are not full-time are encouraged to develop an orientation  
26 program for those persons.

28 **SUMMARY**

30 The bill allows the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal  
Justice Academy to extend the period in which a full-time  
32 corrections officer must receive basic training by 90 days.  
Currently, a full-time corrections officer must complete training  
34 within the first 12 months of employment.