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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 784**

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Committee: Judiciary

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to law enforcement training; to amend section  
2 81-1410, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change  
3 provisions relating to admission; and to repeal the  
4 original section.

5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. Section 81-1410, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3           81-1410 (1) The council shall adopt and promulgate rules  
4 and regulations governing the minimum admission requirements for  
5 all training academies. Until the rules and regulations become  
6 effective, the admission requirements existing on July 13, 2000,  
7 pertaining to the training center shall be applicable to all  
8 training academies, except the Nebraska State Patrol. The rules and  
9 regulations shall establish admission criteria which shall include,  
10 but not be limited to, (a) physical, mental, and emotional fitness  
11 and (b) disclosure of any criminal history. The council may also  
12 adopt a priority system for admission to the training center and  
13 the other training academies conducting certification training for  
14 officers not employed by that training academy's agency.

15           (2) The council may admit an applicant to any training  
16 academy for entry-level law enforcement certification when the  
17 applicant meets the following minimum criteria:

18           (a) The applicant is ~~or will be~~ a citizen of the  
19 United States ~~prior to the completion of certification,~~ or a  
20 legal permanent resident who is actively seeking United States  
21 citizenship;

22           (b) The applicant will reach the age of twenty-one years  
23 prior to the completion of the training;

24           (c) The applicant has been fingerprinted and a search  
25 has been made of local, state, and national fingerprint files for

1 disclosure of any criminal record and the results furnished to the  
2 training center;

3 (d) The applicant has a valid motor vehicle operator's or  
4 chauffeur's license;

5 (e) The applicant has vision correctable to 20/30 and  
6 has no evidence of an irreversible disease which will affect the  
7 person's sight;

8 (f) The applicant has been pardoned or has never been  
9 convicted by any state or the United States of a crime punishable  
10 by imprisonment in a penitentiary for a term of one year or more  
11 or by any foreign government of a crime which would be punishable  
12 by imprisonment for a term of one year or more if committed in  
13 Nebraska or has had a conviction for such an offense overturned or  
14 reversed by a court of competent jurisdiction;

15 (g) The applicant possesses good character as determined  
16 by a thorough background investigation;

17 (h) The applicant (i) (A) is a high school graduate or (B)  
18 possesses a general educational development certificate and (ii) is  
19 able to read, write, and understand the English language at the  
20 eleventh grade level;

21 (i) The applicant has not been convicted of driving while  
22 intoxicated in the two years immediately preceding admission; and

23 (j) The applicant has been examined by a licensed  
24 physician one year or less prior to admission and has been  
25 certified by the physician to have met the physical requirements,

1 as determined by the council, necessary to fulfill the  
2 responsibilities of a law enforcement officer and successfully  
3 complete the requirements for training.

4 (3) In all cases in which it is necessary to acquire  
5 documents or other information to determine whether or not an  
6 applicant meets any of the requirements of subsection (2) of this  
7 section, such copies or other information shall be supplied by the  
8 applicant at his or her own expense.

9 Sec. 2. Original section 81-1410, Reissue Revised  
10 Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.