

626.843 RULES, STANDARDS; EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

Subdivision 1. **Rules required.** The board shall adopt rules with respect to:

(1) the certification of peace officer training schools, programs, or courses including training schools for the Minnesota State Patrol. Such schools, programs and courses shall include those administered by the state, county, school district, municipality, or joint or contractual combinations thereof, and shall include preparatory instruction in law enforcement and minimum basic training courses;

(2) minimum courses of study, attendance requirements, and equipment and facilities to be required at each certified peace officers training school located within the state;

(3) minimum qualifications for instructors at certified peace officer training schools located within this state;

(4) minimum standards of physical, mental, and educational fitness which shall govern the recruitment and licensing of peace officers within the state, by any state, county, municipality, or joint or contractual combination thereof, including members of the Minnesota State Patrol;

(5) minimum standards of conduct which would affect the individual's performance of duties as a peace officer. These standards shall be established and published. The board shall review the minimum standards of conduct described in this clause for possible modification in 1998 and every three years after that time;

(6) minimum basic training which peace officers appointed to temporary or probationary terms shall complete before being eligible for permanent appointment, and the time within which such basic training must be completed following any such appointment to a temporary or probationary term;

(7) minimum specialized training which part-time peace officers shall complete in order to be eligible for continued employment as a part-time peace officer or permanent employment as a peace officer, and the time within which the specialized training must be completed;

(8) content of minimum basic training courses required of graduates of certified law enforcement training schools or programs. Such courses shall not duplicate the content of certified academic or general background courses completed by a student but shall concentrate on practical skills deemed essential for a peace officer. Successful completion of such a course shall be deemed satisfaction of the minimum basic training requirement;

(9) grading, reporting, attendance and other records, and certificates of attendance or accomplishment;

(10) the procedures to be followed by a part-time peace officer for notifying the board of intent to pursue the specialized training for part-time peace officers who desire to become peace officers pursuant to clause (7), and section 626.845, subdivision 1, clause (7);

(11) the establishment and use by any political subdivision or state law enforcement agency which employs persons licensed by the board of procedures for investigation and resolution of allegations of misconduct by persons licensed by the board. The procedures shall be in writing and shall be established on or before October 1, 1984;

(12) the issues that must be considered by each political subdivision and state law enforcement agency that employs persons licensed by the board in establishing procedures under section 626.5532 to govern the conduct of peace officers who are in pursuit of a vehicle being operated in violation of section 609.487, and requirements for the training of peace officers in conducting pursuits. The adoption of specific procedures and requirements is within the authority of the political subdivision or agency;

(13) supervision of part-time peace officers and requirements for documentation of hours worked by a part-time peace officer who is on active duty. These rules shall be adopted by December 31, 1993;

(14) citizenship requirements for full-time and part-time peace officers;

(15) driver's license requirements for full-time and part-time peace officers; and

(16) such other matters as may be necessary consistent with sections 626.84 to 626.863. Rules promulgated by the attorney general with respect to these matters may be continued in force by resolution of the board if the board finds the rules to be consistent with sections 626.84 to 626.863.

Subd. 1a. [Repealed, 1988 c 563 s 8]

Subd. 2. **Executive director.** An executive director shall be appointed by and serve in the unclassified service at the pleasure of the board. The executive director shall perform such duties, on behalf of the board, as the board shall prescribe. The board shall appoint such employees, agents and consultants as deemed necessary, prescribe their duties, and provide for reimbursement of their expenses. Such employees shall be in the classified service.

Subd. 3. **Board authority.** The board may, in addition:

(1) recommend studies, surveys, and reports to be made by the executive director regarding the carrying out of the objectives and purposes of sections 626.841 to 626.863;

(2) visit and inspect any peace officer training school approved by the executive director or for which application for such approval has been made;

(3) make recommendations, from time to time, to the executive director, attorney general, and the governor regarding the carrying out of the objectives and purposes of sections 626.841 to 626.863;

(4) perform such other acts as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the powers and duties of the board as set forth in sections 626.841 to 626.863;

(5) cooperate with and receive financial assistance from and join in projects or enter into contracts with the federal government or its agencies for the furtherance of the purposes of Laws 1977, chapter 433.

Subd. 4. Reporting requirements. The board shall report to the attorney general, from time to time, and to the governor at least biennially concerning the activities of the board. The board shall report biannually to the chairs of the senate and house of representatives committees and divisions having jurisdiction over criminal justice funding concerning the activities of the board. In addition to other relevant items, the report must include detailed information concerning the compliance reviews required in section 626.8459.

History: 1967 c 870 s 3; 1973 c 507 s 45; 1974 c 478 s 1; 1977 c 433 s 4-6; 1978 c 681 s 9-11; 1981 c 37 s 2; 1981 c 310 s 3; 1983 c 269 s 3; 1986 c 444; 1988 c 712 s 18; 1989 c 209 art 2 s 1; 1992 c 571 art 15 s 13; 1995 c 226 art 4 s 25; 1997 c 7 art 1 s 169; art 2 s 65; 1997 c 239 art 8 s 31; 1999 c 216 art 5 s 5