

CHAPTER 626

TRAINING; INVESTIGATION, APPREHENSION;
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626.556 REPORTING OF MALTREATMENT OF MINORS.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1980]

Subd. 2. **Definitions.** As used in this section, the following terms have the meanings given them unless the specific content indicates otherwise:

(a) "Sexual abuse" means the subjection by the child's parents, guardian, or person responsible for the child's care, to any act which constitutes a violation of sections 609.342, 609.343, 609.344, or 609.345, or sections 609.364 to 609.3644. Sexual abuse also includes any act which involves a minor which constitutes a violation of sections 609.321 to 609.324 or 617.246.

(b) "Neglect" means failure by a parent, guardian or other person responsible for a child's care to supply a child with necessary food, clothing, shelter or medical care when reasonably able to do so or failure to protect a child from conditions or actions which imminently and seriously endanger the child's physical or mental health when reasonably able to do so. Nothing in this section shall be construed to mean that a child is neglected solely because the child's parent, guardian or other person responsible for his care in good faith selects and depends upon spiritual means or prayer for treatment or care of disease or remedial care of the child.

(c) "Physical abuse" means:

(i) Any physical injury inflicted by a parent, guardian or other person responsible for the child's care on a child other than by accidental means; or

(ii) Any physical injury that cannot reasonably be explained by the history of injuries provided by a parent, guardian or other person responsible for the child's care.

(d) "Report" means any report received by the local welfare agency, police department or county sheriff pursuant to this section.

[For text of subds 3 to 10, see M.S.1980]

Subd. 11. **Records.** All records maintained by a local welfare agency under this section, including any written reports filed under subdivision 7, shall be private data on individuals, except insofar as copies of reports are required by subdivision 7 to be sent to the local police department or the county sheriff. Report records maintained by any police department or the county sheriff shall be private data on individuals except the reports shall be made available to the investigating, petitioning, or prosecuting authority. The welfare board shall make available to the investigating, petitioning, or prosecuting authority any records which contain information relating to a specific incident of neglect or abuse which

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is under investigation, petition, or prosecution and information relating to any prior incidents of neglect or abuse involving any of the same persons. The records shall be collected and maintained in accordance with the provisions of sections 15.1611 to 15.1699. An individual subject of a record shall have access to the record in accordance with those sections, except that the name of the reporter shall be disclosed by the local welfare agency, police department, or county sheriff only upon court order or as required by law or a rule of civil or criminal procedure.

Records maintained by local welfare agencies, the police department or county sheriff under this section shall be destroyed as follows:

(a) All records relating to reports which, upon investigation, are found to be false shall be destroyed immediately;

(b) All records relating to reports which, upon investigation, are found to be substantiated shall be destroyed seven years after the date of the final entry in the case record; and

(c) All records of reports which, upon initial investigation, cannot be substantiated or disproved to the satisfaction of the local welfare agency, local police department or county sheriff may be kept for a period of one year. If the local welfare agency, local police department or county sheriff is unable to substantiate the report within that period, each agency unable to substantiate the report shall destroy its records relating to the report.

History: 1981 c 240 s 2; 1981 c 273 s 12; 1Sp1981 c 4 art 1 s 15

626.558 MULTIDISCIPLINARY CHILD PROTECTION TEAM.

Subdivision 1. Establishment of the team. A county may establish a multidisciplinary child protection team comprised of the director of the local welfare agency or his designees, the county attorney or his designees, the county sheriff or his designees and representatives of health, education, mental health or other appropriate agencies and parent groups.

Subd. 2. Duties of team. A multidisciplinary child protection team shall be a consultant to the local welfare agency to better enable the agency to carry out its child protection functions pursuant to section 626.556 and the community social services act.

Subd. 3. Information sharing. All records collected and maintained by the local welfare agency pursuant to section 626.556 may be made available to the child protection team. Any member of the child protection team may share information acquired in the member's professional capacity with the team for the purpose of aiding the team in its function.

History: 1981 c 150 s 1

626.84 DEFINITIONS AND SCOPE.

Subdivision 1. Definitions. For the purposes of sections 626.84 to 626.855, the following terms shall have the meanings given them:

(a) "Board" means the Minnesota board of peace officer standards and training;

(b) "Director" means the executive director of the board;

(c) "Peace officer" means an employee of a political subdivision or state law enforcement agency who is licensed by the board, charged with the prevention and detection of crime and the enforcement of the general criminal laws of the state and who has the full power of arrest, and shall also include the Minnesota highway patrol and state conservation officers.

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(d) "Constable" shall have the meaning assigned to it in section 367.40.

(e) "Deputy constable" shall have the meaning assigned to it in section 367.40.

(f) "Part-time peace officer" means an individual licensed by the board whose services are utilized by law enforcement agencies no more than an average of 20 hours per week, not including time spent on call when no call to active duty is received, calculated on an annual basis, who has either full powers of arrest or authorization to carry a firearm while on active duty. The term shall apply even though the individual receives no compensation for time spent on active duty, and shall apply irrespective of the title conferred upon the individual by any law enforcement agency. The limitation on the average number of hours in which the services of a part-time peace officer may be utilized shall not apply to a part-time peace officer who has formally notified the board pursuant to rules adopted by the board of his intention to pursue the specialized training for part-time peace officers who desire to become peace officers pursuant to sections 626.843, subdivision 1, clause (g) and 626.845, subdivision 1, clause (g).

(g) "Reserve peace officer" means an individual whose services are utilized by a law enforcement agency for purposes including, but not limited to, providing supplementary assistance at special events, traffic or crowd control, or administrative or clerical assistance; provided that the individual's duties do not include enforcement of the general criminal laws of the state unless accompanied by a licensed peace officer; further provided that the individual does not have full powers of arrest or authorization to carry a firearm on duty. The term shall apply even though the individual receives no compensation and irrespective of the number of hours worked by, or the title conferred upon, the individual by any law enforcement agency.

Subd. 2. **Scope.** Notwithstanding sections 12.03, subdivision 4, 12.25, or any other law to the contrary, no individual employed or acting as an agent of any political subdivision shall be authorized to carry a firearm when on duty unless the individual has been licensed pursuant to sections 626.84 to 626.855. Nothing herein shall be construed as requiring licensure of a security guard as that term is defined in section 626.88, subdivision 1, clause (c).

History: 1981 c 310 s 1

626.841 BOARD; MEMBERS.

The board of peace officer standards and training shall be composed of the following 13 members:

(a) Two members to be appointed by the governor from among the county sheriffs in Minnesota;

(b) Four members to be appointed by the governor from among peace officers in Minnesota municipalities, at least two of whom shall be chiefs of police;

(c) The superintendent of the Minnesota bureau of criminal apprehension or his designee;

(d) Two members appointed by the governor experienced in law enforcement at a local, state or federal level who are not currently employed as peace officers;

(e) Two members to be appointed by the governor from among the elected city officials in statutory or home rule charter cities of under 5,000 population outside the metropolitan area, as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2;

(f) Two members appointed by the governor from among the general public.

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A chairman shall be appointed by the governor from among the members. In making appointments the governor shall strive to achieve representation from among the geographic areas of the state.

History: 1981 c 310 s 2

626.843 RULES, STANDARDS; EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

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

(a) The certification of peace officer training schools, programs, or courses including training schools for the Minnesota highway 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;

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

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

(d) 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 highway patrol;

(e) Minimum standards of conduct which would affect the performance of the individual in his duties as a peace officer;

These standards shall be established and published on or before July 1, 1979.

(f) 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;

(g) 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;

(h) 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;

(i) Grading, reporting, attendance and other records, and certificates of attendance or accomplishment;

(j) The procedures to be followed by a part-time peace officer for notifying the board of his intention to pursue the specialized training for part-time peace officers who desire to become peace officers pursuant to sections 626.843, subdivision 1, clause (g) and 626.845, subdivision 1, clause (g); and

(k) Such other matters as may be necessary consistent with sections 626.84 to 626.855. 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 626.855.

[For text of subs 1a to 4, see M.S.1980]

History: 1981 c 310 s 3

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626.845 POWERS AND DUTIES.

Subdivision 1. The board shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) To certify peace officers' training schools or programs administered by state, county and municipalities located within this state in whole or in part no later than 90 days after receipt of an application for certification. The reasons for noncertification of any school or program or part thereof shall be transmitted to the school within 90 days and shall contain a detailed explanation of the reasons for which the school or program was disapproved and an explanation of what supporting material or other requirements are necessary for the board to reconsider. Disapproval of a school or program shall not preclude the reapplication for certification of the school or program;

(b) To issue certificates to schools, and to revoke such certification when necessary to maintain the objectives and purposes of sections 626.841 to 626.855;

(c) To certify, as qualified, instructors at peace officer training schools, and to issue appropriate certificates to such instructors;

(d) To license peace officers who have satisfactorily completed certified basic training programs, and passed examinations as required by the board;

(e) To cause studies and surveys to be made relating to the establishment, operation, and approval of state, county, and municipal peace officer training schools;

(f) To consult and cooperate with state, county, and municipal peace officer training schools for the development of in-service training programs for peace officers;

(g) To consult and cooperate with universities, colleges, and area vocational technical institutes for the development of specialized courses of instruction and study in the state for peace officers and part-time peace officers in police science and police administration;

(h) To consult and cooperate with other departments and agencies of the state and federal government concerned with peace officer standards and training;

(i) To perform such other acts as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the powers and duties as set forth in the provisions of sections 626.841 to 626.855;

(j) To coordinate the provision, on a regional basis, of skills oriented basic training courses to graduates of certified law enforcement training schools or programs;

(k) To obtain criminal conviction data for persons seeking a license to be issued or possessing a license issued by the board. The board shall have authority to obtain criminal conviction data to the full extent that any other law enforcement agency, as that term is defined by state or federal law, has to obtain the data; and

(l) To prepare and transmit annually to the governor and the legislature a report of its activities with respect to allocation of moneys appropriated to it for peace officers training, including the name and address of each recipient of money for that purpose, the amount awarded, and the purpose of the award.

[For text of subd 2, see M.S.1980]

History: 1981 c 310 s 4; 1981 c 341 s 4

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626.846 ATTENDANCE, FORFEITURE OF POSITION.

Subdivision 1. Notwithstanding any general or local law or charter to the contrary, any peace officer or part-time peace officer employed or elected on or after July 1, 1979, by any state, county, municipality or joint or contractual combination thereof of the state of Minnesota shall not be eligible for permanent appointment without being licensed by the board pursuant to sections 626.84 to 626.855.

Subd. 2. Every peace officer or part-time peace officer who shall be appointed by any state, county, municipality or joint or contractual combination thereof of the state of Minnesota on a temporary basis or for a probationary term, shall forfeit his position unless he has been licensed by the board pursuant to sections 626.841 to 626.855. Any other peace officer or part-time peace officer employed or elected by any state, county, municipality or joint or contractual combination thereof, may attend peace officer training courses and be licensed by the board pursuant to sections 626.84 to 626.855.

[For text of subd 3, see M.S.1980]

History: 1981 c 310 s 5,6

626.8461 PART-TIME PEACE OFFICERS; POLICY.

The legislature finds and declares that it is necessary to establish minimum training requirements for part-time peace officers in certain specified areas to maximize protection of the rights and safety of the public and to minimize liability on the part of Minnesota counties and municipalities. The legislature further finds that part-time peace officers are most effectively utilized as a supplement to regular, fully trained and licensed, peace officers and does not encourage the use of part-time peace officers when needs for service would otherwise justify the use of peace officers.

History: 1981 c 310 s 7

626.8462 COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS.

Part-time peace officer licensing examinations shall be designed to insure competency in the following areas reasonably achievable in courses within a total hourly maximum of 54 hours:

- (a) Law of arrest, including probable cause;
- (b) Law of search and seizure;
- (c) Confessions and interrogations, oral and written;
- (d) Law and rules of evidence;
- (e) Minnesota criminal code;
- (f) Juvenile law;
- (g) General principles of criminal investigations;
- (h) Crime scene search and investigation;
- (i) Preservation and collection of crime scene evidence;
- (j) Traffic enforcement, including accident investigation.

Upon request, the board shall provide to any sheriff or chief of police lesson plans and instructional materials reasonably necessary to conduct classes in the required areas of study. Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit a requirement for more comprehensive training imposed by a local law enforcement agency.

History: 1981 c 310 s 8

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626.8463 PART-TIME PEACE OFFICERS.

Any individual appointed or employed as a part-time peace officer to a position which was filled by a part-time officer between January 1, 1978 and May 31, 1979 owing to the death, termination, or failure of the incumbent to comply with the requirements of this section shall provide proof to the board that:

(a) Within six months of his appointment he has satisfied the selection standards of the board then in effect. The board shall grant a reasonable extension of time to show satisfaction of selection standards to any law enforcement agency that demonstrates that satisfaction of selection standards within six months would impose financial hardship;

(b) Within 12 months of his appointment he has successfully completed a board certified course, or a professionally recognized program, in first aid, and, if authorized to carry a firearm on duty, firearms training, including legal limitations on the justifiable use of deadly force;

(c) Within 24 months of his appointment he has successfully passed a board part-time peace officer licensing examination.

A law enforcement agency may designate personnel as part-time peace officer replacements who shall be subject to the training requirements of this section notwithstanding the fact that the personnel are appointed to positions which were not filled by part-time officers between January 1, 1978 and May 31, 1979. Provided that the number of personnel so designated shall not exceed a number equal to two or ten percent of the positions filled by part-time officers between January 1, 1978 and May 31, 1979, rounded to the next highest whole number, whichever is greater.

History: 1981 c 310 s 9

626.8464 NEW PART-TIME PEACE OFFICER POSITIONS.

Except as otherwise provided in section 626.8463, any individual appointed or employed as a part-time peace officer to a position which was not filled by a part-time officer between January 1, 1978 and May 31, 1979 shall meet the training and licensing requirements of the board then in effect for full-time peace officers.

History: 1981 c 310 s 10

626.8465 PART-TIME OFFICERS; LIMITATIONS.

Subdivision 1. Supervision of powers and duties. No law enforcement agency shall utilize the services of a part-time peace officer unless the part-time peace officer exercises his powers and duties under the supervision, directly or indirectly of a licensed peace officer designated by the chief law enforcement officer. Supervision also may be via radio communications. With the consent of the county sheriff, the designated supervising officer may be a member of the county sheriff's department.

Subd. 2. Part-time peace officer license, restriction. Any individual licensed by the board as a part-time peace officer shall be eligible for appointment or employment anywhere in the state as a part-time peace officer but not as a peace officer unless he meets board training and licensing requirements then in effect for peace officers.

[For text of subd 3, see M.S.1980]

History: 1981 c 310 s 11,12

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626.851 ELIGIBILITY OF OFFICERS.

Subdivision 1. Any peace officer or part-time peace officer employed or elected by any county or municipality of the state of Minnesota shall be eligible to attend training courses as herein provided in accordance with the rules of the board.

[For text of subd 2, see M.S.1980]

History: 1981 c 310 s 13

626.852 TUITION; SALARY AND EXPENSES.

No tuition shall be charged any peace officer or part-time peace officer for attending any training school herein provided for, and each officer when assigned to the bureau of criminal apprehension continuing education courses pursuant to rules of the board shall receive his regular salary and shall be reimbursed by the governing body of the governmental unit or combination of governmental units from which elected or by which employed for his cost of meals, travel, and lodgings while in attendance at the bureau of criminal apprehension courses, not to exceed similar allowance for state employees.

History: 1981 c 310 s 14

626.86 PEACE OFFICERS TRAINING.

Money appropriated for peace officers training shall be expended as follows:

(a) Ten percent shall be provided for reimbursement to board approved skills courses in proportion to the number of students successfully completing the board's skills licensing examination.

(b) To each local unit of government an amount in proportion to the number of licensed peace officers and constables employed, at a rate to be determined by the board. The disbursed amount shall be used exclusively for reimbursement of the cost of in-service training required under chapters 214 and 626.

History: 1981 c 341 s 1

626.861 LEVY AND COLLECTION OF PENALTY ASSESSMENTS.

Subdivision 1. **Levy of assessment.** There is levied a penalty assessment of ten percent on each fine imposed and collected by the courts of this state for traffic offenses in violation of chapters 168 to 173 or equivalent local ordinances, other than a fine or forfeiture for a violation of a local ordinance or other law relating to the parking of a vehicle. In cases where the defendant is convicted but a fine is not imposed, or execution of the fine is stayed, the court shall impose a penalty assessment of not less than \$5 nor more than \$10 when the conviction is for a misdemeanor or petty misdemeanor, and shall impose a penalty assessment of not less than \$10 but not more than \$50 when the conviction is for a gross misdemeanor or felony. Where multiple offenses are involved, the penalty assessment shall be assessed separately on each offense for which the defendant is sentenced. If imposition or execution of sentence is stayed for all of the multiple offenses, the penalty assessment shall be based upon the most serious offense of which the defendant was convicted. Where the court suspends a portion of a fine, the suspended portion shall not be counted in determining the amount of the penalty assessment unless the offender is ordered to pay the suspended portion of the fine. Suspension of an entire fine shall be treated as a stay of execution for purposes of computing the amount of the penalty assessment.

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Subd. 2. **Payment guidelines.** The sentencing court may, upon a showing of indigency or undue hardship upon the convicted person or his immediate family, authorize payment of the penalty assessment in installments. If the convicted person is sentenced and committed to imprisonment, the chief executive officer of the institution in which the person is confined may collect the assessment from any earnings the inmate shall accrue for work performed in the institution or while on conditional release therefrom under the provisions of sections 241.26 or 631.425 and forward same to the clerk of the court in which he was sentenced, for transmittal to the state treasurer in the manner provided in subdivision 3.

The court may decline to impose a penalty assessment or may forgive payment of a penalty assessment previously imposed, in cases where undue hardship cannot otherwise be avoided.

Subd. 3. **Collection by court.** After a determination by the court of the amount of the fine or penalty assessment due, the clerk of court shall collect the appropriate penalty assessment and transmit it to the county treasurer separately with designation of its origin as a penalty assessment, but with the same frequency as fines are transmitted. Amounts collected under this subdivision shall then be transmitted to the state treasurer for deposit in the general fund for peace officers training, in the same manner as fines collected for the state by a county. The state treasurer shall identify and report to the commissioner of finance all amounts deposited in the general fund under this section.

History: 1981 c 341 s 2

626.88 UNIFORMS; PEACE OFFICERS, SECURITY GUARDS; COLOR.

[For text of subs 1 and 2, see M.S.1980]

Subd. 3. **Exception.** Security guards employed by the capitol complex security division of the department of public safety are not required to comply with subdivision 2 until April 1, 1983, at which time they shall be subject to the same uniform color restrictions as other security guards.

History: 1981 c 310 s 16

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PRIVACY OF COMMUNICATIONS

626A.12 Motion to suppress evidence.

626A.12 MOTION TO SUPPRESS EVIDENCE.

[For text of subds 1 to 4, see M.S.1980]

Subd. 5. **Appeal by state.** The state shall be allowed to appeal from an order granting a motion to suppress evidence obtained through intercepted communications, if the prosecuting attorney shall certify to the judge or other official granting such motion that the appeal is not taken for purposes of delay. Such appeal shall be taken within 30 days after the date the order was entered and shall be diligently prosecuted. The appeal shall be made pursuant to Rule 29.03 of the rules of criminal procedure.

History: *1Sp1981 c 4 art 1 s 183*