

**An Act to Direct the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to Develop A Non-residential Basic Law Enforcement Training Program**

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

**Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2804-C, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 331, § 22, 23 is further amended to read:

**4. Courses.** The board shall:

- A. Provide a residential and non-residential training course, the successful completion of which meets the basic training requirements;
- B. Provide a structured residential and beginning on July 1, 2027 a structured non-residential program that balances the goals of professional policing with public services emphasis; and
- C. Incorporate a community policing philosophy in its training program.
- D. [Repealed]

**Summary**

This bill directs the board of Maine Criminal Justice Academy to review and develop an alternate non-residential program to increase recruitment of candidates who may perceive a residential program as being a barrier to serving as a law enforcement officer.