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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 73**

Introduced by DeKay, 40; Brandt, 32; Dorn, 30; Hallstrom, 1; Ibach, 44;  
Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Meyer, 17; Murman, 38; Strommen,  
47.

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Committee: Judiciary

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to law enforcement; to amend section
- 2 81-1414.07, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to eliminate
- 3 obsolete provisions; to change the number of hours of annual
- 4 continuing education courses required for law enforcement officers;
- 5 to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           **Section 1.** Section 81-1414.07, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
2 is amended to read:

3           81-1414.07 (1)(a) In order to maintain his or her professional  
4 status and serve the law enforcement profession, the community, and the  
5 residents of Nebraska, each law enforcement officer, other than a  
6 noncertified conditional officer, shall attend continuing education  
7 courses for the number of hours required in subdivision (1)(b) of this  
8 section in the areas of criminal justice and law enforcement during each  
9 calendar year beginning on January 1 and ending on December 31. A law  
10 enforcement officer is not required to meet the continuing education  
11 requirements in the year in which he or she first becomes fully  
12 certified. A law enforcement officer may retire from service in good  
13 standing without meeting the continuing education requirements in the  
14 calendar year of the officer's retirement.

15           (b) The number of continuing education hours required under this  
16 subsection shall be the greater of:

17           ~~(i) Until January 1, 2022, twenty hours;~~

18           ~~(ii) Beginning January 1, 2022, and until January 1, 2023, twenty-~~  
19 ~~eight hours; and~~

20           (i) For a law enforcement officer serving in a county with a  
21 population of forty thousand or more inhabitants as determined by the  
22 most recent federal decennial census or the most recent revised certified  
23 count by the United States Bureau of the Census, ~~(iii) Beginning January~~  
24 ~~1, 2023,~~ thirty-two hours; or -

25           (ii) For a law enforcement officer serving in a county with a  
26 population of less than forty thousand inhabitants as determined by the  
27 most recent federal decennial census or the most recent revised certified  
28 count by the United States Bureau of the Census, twenty hours.

29           (c) For a law enforcement officer who is not employed but who wishes  
30 to maintain such officer's professional status, the officer shall be  
31 considered to serve in the county of the officer's residence for purposes

1 of subdivision (1)(b) of this section.

2 (2) The annual continuing education required by this section shall  
3 include:

4 (a) Refresher courses on de-escalation, mental health, and substance  
5 abuse issues;

6 (b) A minimum of two hours of anti-bias and implicit bias training;

7 (c) Firearms;

8 (d) Officer wellness;

9 (e) Legal updates, including, but not limited to, legislative  
10 changes and First Amendment and Fourth Amendment issues;

11 (f) Vehicular pursuit policy review; and

12 (g) Any other training as determined by a law enforcement agency.

13 (3) Continuing education courses may be offered in the form of  
14 seminars, advanced education which may include college or university  
15 classes, conferences, instruction conducted within the law enforcement  
16 officer's law enforcement agency, or instruction conducted over the  
17 Internet. Continuing education shall be of a type which has application  
18 to and seeks to maintain and improve the skills of the law enforcement  
19 officer in carrying out his or her duties and responsibilities.

20 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes operative on January 1, 2026.

21 **Sec. 3.** Original section 81-1414.07, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
22 Nebraska, is repealed.