

HOUSE BILL 784: Traffic Control Certification Program.

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House

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OVERVIEW: House Bill 784 would:

• Increase the minimum age requirement for a traffic control officer appointment by a law enforcement agency.

- Increase the amount and substance of training for new traffic control officers.
- Require agencies to provide the training, and require trainees to pay for the training.

CURRENT LAW: The chief of police or sheriff is authorized to appoint traffic control officers who are 18 years or older; and they must complete at least 3 hours of training in directing, controlling, or regulating traffic under supervision of a law enforcement officer.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 784 would:

- Increase the minimum age requirement for a traffic control officer from 18 years old to 21 years old.
- Specify that training must include:
 - o A training course in traffic laws and traffic control; and
 - At least 4 hours of roadside training in directing, controlling, or regulating traffic under the supervision of a law-enforcement officer.
- Require law enforcement agencies provide the training course and roadside training, the costs of which would be paid by the trainee.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would become effective October 1, 2019.

