

HOUSE BILL 203: Extend Deadline for Police Telecommunicators.

2021-2022 General Assembly

Committee: House Judiciary 2. If favorable, re-refer to Date: March 24, 2021

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Introduced by: Reps. Faircloth, McNeill, C. Smith, Greene Analysis of: First Edition Prepared by: Susan Sitze Staff Attorney

OVERVIEW: House Bill 203 would extend the deadline for certification of police telecommunicators. CURRENT LAW:

In 2019, the General Assembly enacted a requirement that telecommunicators employed by municipal police agencies meet the same qualifications and training requirements as those employed by sheriffs' offices no later than July 1, 2021. These qualifications include:

- Satisfactory completion of an initial preparatory program of training at a school certified by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Commission, unless exempted by the Commission.
- Such other qualifications as the Commission may fix, including minimum age, education, physical
 and mental standards, citizenship, good moral character, experience, and such other matters as
 relate to the competence and reliability of persons to assume and discharge the responsibilities of
 the office.

BILL ANALYSIS: House bill 203 would extend the deadline for telecommunicators employed by municipal police agencies to comply with this requirement for one year, until July 1, 2022.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act is effective when it becomes law.

