

**NORTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' EDUCATION AND TRAINING  
STANDARDS COMMISSION**



**12 NCAC 10B .0503 Time Req/Completion/Basic Law Enforcement Training  
Course**

**Public Hearing**

August 20, 2024 @ 9:00am  
1700 Tryon Park Drive  
Raleigh, NC 27610

**Reason for rule change:**

The Sheriff's Commission voted to not require sheriff deputies to complete Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) prior to taking their oath of office. The Commission voted to return to the previous requirement that BLET be completed during their probationary period.

**Instructions for Oral and Written Comments**

The public comment period begins on August 1, 2024 and ends at 5:00 p.m. on September 30, 2024. Public comments shall be in writing and shall be directed to:

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Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Division  
Post Office Box 629  
Raleigh, NC 27602-0629

*"Public Comment" is defined by NCGS 150B-21.3A(a)(5) as a written objection to all or part of a rule. Additionally, pursuant to NCGS 150B-21.3A(c)(2), in order for the Rules Review Commission to determine whether the public comment has merit, the public comment must address the specific substance of the rule and address any of the standards of Commission review, as set forth in NCGS 150B-21.9(a).*

**\*\*\*If approved, this change would become effective December 1, 2024\*\*\***

**Procedure for Subjecting a Proposed Rule to Legislative Review:**

If an objection is not resolved prior to the adoption of the rule, a person may also submit written objections to the Rules Review Commission. If the Rules Review Commission receives written and signed objections in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.3(b2) from 10 or more persons clearly requesting review by the legislature and the Rules Review Commission approves the rule, the rule will become effective as provided in G.S. 150B-21.3(b1). The Commission will receive written objections until 5:00 p.m. on the day following the day the Commission approves the rule. The Commission will receive those objections by mail, delivery service, hand delivery, or facsimile transmission. If you have any further questions concerning the submission of objections to the Commission, please call a Commission staff attorney at 919-431-3000.

*\*\*\*Statutory Authority for Proposed Rules Changes by the Sheriffs' Commission is found in NCGS 17E\*\*\**

1 12 NCAC 10B .0503 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **12 NCAC 10B .0503 TIME REQ/COMPLETION/BASIC LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COURSE**

4 (a) Each deputy sheriff shall have completed with passing scores the accredited basic law enforcement training ~~course~~  
5 program as prescribed in 12 NCAC 09B .0205 ~~prior to obtaining probationary certification. within one year from the~~  
6 date of his or her Oath of Office. Any deputy sheriff who does not comply with this Rule or other training provisions  
7 of this Chapter shall not exercise the powers of a deputy sheriff, including the power of arrest. If an officer has enrolled  
8 in an accredited basic law enforcement training program that concludes later than the end of the officer's probationary  
9 period, the Commission may extend the probationary period for a period not to exceed 12 months. In determining  
10 whether to grant an extension, the Commission shall consider the circumstances that created the need for the extension  
11 and accept reasons related to medical and military events.

12 (b) Any applicant for certification who has completed a ~~Commission-certified~~ the accredited basic law enforcement  
13 training program, but has not been duly appointed and certified in a sworn law enforcement position within one year  
14 of completion of the ~~course, program,~~ shall complete a subsequent ~~Commission-certified~~ accredited basic law  
15 enforcement training program and pass the State Comprehensive Examination pursuant to 12 NCAC 09B .0406 within  
16 the 12 month probationary period. The Director shall waive this requirement to complete a subsequent ~~Commission-~~  
17 ~~certified~~ accredited basic law enforcement training program and pass the State Comprehensive Examination ~~and~~  
18 ~~accept a basic law enforcement training program and pass the State Comprehensive Examination that was completed~~  
19 ~~outside of the one year time period as set forth in this Rule unless if he or she the Director determines that a delay in~~  
20 ~~applying for certification was not due to negligence on the part of the applicant or employing agency. The extension~~  
21 ~~of the one year period shall not exceed 30 days from the expiration date of the ~~commission-certified~~ accredited basic~~  
22 ~~law enforcement training program completed by the applicant.~~

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24 *History Note: Authority G.S. 17E-4; 17E-7;*  
25 *Eff. January 1, 1989;*  
26 *Amended Eff. January 1, 2006; January 1, 1996; January 1, 1994; January 1, 1991;*  
27 *Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. March 6,*  
28 *2018;*  
29 *Amended Eff. December 1, 2024; July 1, 2024; June 1, 2019.*