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SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a veteran of any branch of the military that is hired as a full-time police officer in this state to attend the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Transition School if the veteran has completed no less than two years of active service as a military police officer within two years prior to employment and was honorably discharged.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The POST Transition School is a three week training program for eligible police officers to be certified in Tennessee without being required to attend the full 12 week Basic Law Enforcement Course.
- According to the POST Rules for Certification, Chapter 1110-02, an officer is only eligible to attend the POST Transition School if the officer was previously POST certified and experienced a break in service for a period between five and ten years, or is an out-of-state POST certified law enforcement officer who needs to become familiar with Tennessee laws and processes.
- The proposed legislation will authorize a military veteran that completed two years of active service as a military police officer within two years of employment as a police officer to attend the POST Transition School, rather than the Basic Law Enforcement Course.
- The POST Transition School and Basic Law Enforcement Course are both provided by the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy (TLETA).
- Based on eligibility, a full-time police officer in this state is required to attend either required training course within six months of initial employment.
- It is estimated the number of military veterans that would qualify for the POST Transition School, rather than the Basic Law Enforcement Course, will be minimal.
- Any veteran authorized to attend the Transition School as a result of this legislation will allow an additional spot in the Basic Law Enforcement Course to be filled by a different recruit.
- There is no estimated significant change in revenue or expenditures to TLETA or the veteran's employing agencies.
- No significant fiscal impact to state or local government.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Handwritten signature of Krista Lee Carsner in black ink.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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