

# TRAINING BULLETIN

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## ACT 134 OF 2020 INCREASE IN TRAINING SURCHARGE FOR 2023

On November 25, 2020 Governor Wolf signed into law Act 134 which increases the training surcharge collected by counties in support of the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Program. Act 134 consolidates the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Act (P.L. 3, No. 2) into Title 44 (Law and Justice).

In addition, Act 134 increases the surcharge fees for service of any complaint, summons, writ or other legal paper Sheriffs' are required to serve or post.

For counties of the first and second class, where the Prothonotary collects the fee, the fee will increase as follows:

- Beginning January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, the surcharge will be \$17.
- Beginning January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022, the surcharge will be \$19.
- **Beginning January 1, 2023, and thereafter, the surcharge will be \$21.**

For all sheriffs' offices, the fee will increase as follows:

- Beginning January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, the surcharge will be \$16.
- Beginning January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022, the surcharge will be \$18.
- **Beginning January 1, 2023, and thereafter, the surcharge will be \$20.**

To date, the Board has paid approximately \$2 million in pending reimbursements to the counties since the payments were suspended in July 2017 and has authorized an additional \$2.5 million subject to continued review of the training fund as well as actual and anticipated expenses.



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