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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND AND REPEAL CERTAIN GEORGIA PEACE
OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING COUNCIL REGULATIONS**

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4, written notice is hereby given that Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council (P.O.S.T.) will be accepting written comments regarding the proposed changes to GA. Comp. R. & Regs. r. 464-5-.01 through 464-5-.21 ("Training"). P.O.S.T. will be accepting written comments from August 5, 2026 to close of business, 4:30 p.m. EDT, on September 5, 2026.

Affected Rules & Synopses

- 1. Amendments to Rule 464-5-.03, "Basic Inservice, Online, Conference and Specialized/Advance Training Courses Admin."**
 - **Enabling Authority:** O.C.G.A. §§ 35-8-2(24), (25); O.C.G.A. § 50-13-2(6).
 - **Purpose and Main Features:** This amendment updates the administrative protocols, delivery structures, and approval workflows governing regional training, digital distance learning, and specialized certifications.
 - **Existing vs. Proposed Differences:** The proposed framework expands digital delivery definitions, updates structural requirements for modern specialized tracks, and clarifies administrative auditing procedures compared to the older rule layout.
- 2. Amendments to Rule 464-5-.09, "School (Academy) Director"**
 - **Enabling Authority:** O.C.G.A. §§ 35-8-2(24), (25); O.C.G.A. § 50-13-2(6).
 - **Purpose and Main Features:** This action streamlines the regulatory oversight and certification track for academy directors.
 - **Existing vs. Proposed Differences:** The amendment consolidates all roles, operational expectations, and compliance duties of a School (Academy) Director directly into a single unified rule (464-5-.09). Consequently, the standalone Rule 464-5-.19 is completely repealed to eliminate redundant regulatory processes.
- 3. Repeal Rule 464-5-.19, "School Director Certification"**
 - **Enabling Authority:** O.C.G.A. §§ 35-8-2(24), (25); O.C.G.A. § 50-13-2(6).

- **Purpose and Main Features:** This action streamlines the regulatory oversight and certification track for academy directors under on POST Council rule.
- **Existing vs. Proposed Differences:** The amendment consolidates all roles, operational expectations, and compliance duties of a School (Academy) Director directly into a single unified rule (464-5-.09). Consequently, the standalone Rule 464-5-.19 is completely repealed to eliminate redundant regulatory processes.

COMMENT PERIOD AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

POST will be accepting written comments from August 5, 2026, to the close of business (4:30 p.m. EDT) on September 5, 2026. Comments will be considered at 9:00 a.m. on September 9, 2026, at Suite 280, 5000 Austell Powder Springs Road, Austell, Georgia 30106. Please submit written comments to:

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Interested people may call or submit a written request to obtain a copy of the proposed rules. A copy of the synopsis and the proposed rules may be downloaded from the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council website at www.gapost.org.

The Council provides a reasonable opportunity for all interested people to submit data, views, and arguments regarding these proposed changes.

- **Written Submissions:** May be mailed or delivered to the POST Council ahead of the scheduled action date. All written briefs will be fully considered by the Council.
- **Formal Oral Hearing Request:** A formal oral hearing on these substantive updates will be granted if requested by at least 25 persons directly affected by the rules, by a governmental subdivision, or by an association featuring a minimum of 25 members.

This notice has been formally transmitted to all individuals and organizations who have requested in writing to be placed on the advance rulemaking notification list and who have paid the associated mailing fees.

In compliance with state administrative procedures, this complete notice package has been transmitted to Legislative Counsel at least 30 days prior to the Council's intended date of adoption.

Rule 464-5-.03 Basic, In-Service Training and Specialized/Advanced Course Administration

[Current]

Basic, in-service and specialized/advanced courses shall be administered by schools certified in accordance with these Rules, except that the Council may, in its discretion, recognize courses undertaken at any law enforcement unit, academy, university, college, junior college, technical school, trade school or similar institution which is substantially equivalent to that which the Council may establish. The Basic Course shall at all times be delivered on the premises of an academy certified in accordance with these Rules, and be delivered to the entire class as a single entity except where certain remedial training is required by POST policy. The Basic Course may be delivered at other sites specifically approved by Council providing the sponsoring academy can demonstrate the need for an off-site course based upon a training workload which is beyond the capacity and capabilities of on-site resources.

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[Proposed Amendment]

Rule 464-5-.03 Basic, In-Service Training and Specialized/Advanced Course Administration; Enforcement, Compliance and Council Sanctioning Authority

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In accordance with the statutory authority granted under O.C.G.A. § 35-8-7 and O.C.G.A. § 35-8-7.1, compliance with all provisions of Rule 464-5-.03, including the Uniform Law Enforcement Academy Regulations (ULEAR), is strictly mandatory for all POST-certified training academies.

The Council retains full administrative oversight and investigative authority to audit, inspect, and evaluate academy operations. Any Academy found to be substandard in its duties, non-compliant with ULEAR operational baselines, or deficient in delivering mandated curricula shall be subject to formal disciplinary action by the Council.

Upon any finding of non-compliance, substandard performance, or deficiencies in an Academy's delivery of mandated curricula, the Council may impose regulatory sanctions, including but not limited to formal administrative probation, the immediate suspension or revocation of the academy's POST institutional certification, and/or the decertification of the serving School (Academy) Director.

Rule 464-5-.09 School (Academy) Director

[Current]

A certified school shall employ a school director who is certified by the Council. Said school director shall be employed on a full time basis to perform duties directly related to the operation of the school, and such other duties as the Council may direct. A school director employed by a regional police academy or state training academy shall be assigned no additional duties by the sponsoring agency which conflict with his/her duties as school director.

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[Proposed Amendment]

Rule 464-5-.09 School (Academy) Director and Certification Requirements

(a) **Employment and Duties:** A certified school shall employ a school director who is certified by the Council. A school director shall be employed on a full-time basis to perform duties directly related to the operation of the school, and such other duties as the Council may direct. A school director employed by a regional police academy or state training academy shall be assigned no additional duties by the sponsoring agency that conflict with his/her duties as school director.

(b) **Certification Qualifications:** For a school director to be qualified for certification under these Rules, the following requirements shall be met at the time of application:

1. Be a candidate for full-time employment and qualified for instructor certification in accordance with these Rules;
2. Have at least five years' experience in criminal justice;
3. Possess good moral character.

(c) **Application Process:** No school director shall be certified under these Rules without having completed an application as required by Council. Said application shall be submitted within ninety (90) days of appointment as a school director.

Rule 464-5-.19 School Director Certification. Amended

[Current]

In order that a school director be qualified for certification under these Rules the following requirements shall be met:

(a) At the time of making application for certification under these Rules, a school director shall:

1. be a candidate for full-time employment and qualified for instructor certification in accordance with these Rules;
2. possess a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of higher learning;
3. have at least five years' experience in criminal justice;
4. possess good moral character.

(b) No school director shall be certified under these Rules without having completed an application, as required by Council. Said application shall be submitted within ninety (90) days of appointment as a school director.

[Repealed]

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ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

Prepared pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)

Georgia Peace Officer Standards & Training Council

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Rule number(s): 464-05-.09 and 464-05-.19

Rule title(s): School (Academy) Director and School Director Certification

Action proposed (adopt / amend / repeal): Amend 464-05-.09 repeal 464-05-.19

Statutory authority: O.C.G.A. 35-8-7(1)

Date of notice of intended action: September 09, 2026

Prepared by: Terry McCormick

Approved by (agency head / board vote and date): Chris Harvey/ POST Council vote scheduled for September 09, 2026

1. Description of the Proposed Rule

The amendment consolidates all roles, operational expectations, and compliance duties of a School (Academy) Director directly into a single unified rule (464-5-.09). Consequently, the standalone Rule 464-5-.19 is completely repealed to eliminate redundant regulatory processes.

2. Persons and Entities Affected

The proposed rule effects State, Regional, and Agency Law Enforcement Academies. The agency estimates that approximately 42 such persons or entities are subject to the rule, based on the number of Georgia POST approved academies.

Of these, the agency estimates that approximately 0 are small businesses as described in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3), that is, independently owned and operated, not dominant in their field, and employing 100 or fewer employees.

The proposed rule does not create a new category of regulated person or entity.

3. Direct Compliance Costs

The agency has considered the following categories of cost to regulated persons and entities:

- Fees, assessments, bonds, or insurance: none imposed
- Capital or equipment expenditure: none required
- Recordkeeping and reporting: no change from existing requirements

- Staffing, training, or professional services: none required from existing requirements
- One-time transition or familiarization cost: none
- Recurring annual cost: required annual cost is already budgeted by each academy

Estimated aggregate cost to all affected persons and entities over the first five years: \$ 0 .

Basis for the estimate: required annual cost is already budgeted by each academy.

4. Benefits

The agency anticipates the following benefits: elimination of an obsolete requirement.

To the extent they are not quantifiable, the agency has identified them qualitatively above.

5. Costs to the Agency and Other Units of Government

Implementation cost to the agency: elimination of an obsolete requirement.

Effect on county or municipal governments: There is no implementation cost as the required annual cost are already budgeted by each academy.

Effect on state revenues: none.

6. Small Business Considerations — O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)

The agency has considered whether it is legal and feasible, in meeting the objectives of the statutes that are the basis of the proposed rule, to reduce the economic impact on small businesses through the actions listed in § 50-13-4(a)(3):

(A) Reduced compliance or reporting requirements and differing timetables for small businesses. Not adopted.

(B) Clarification, consolidation, or simplification of compliance and reporting requirements for small businesses. Not adopted, the required annual cost is already budgeted by each academy.

(C) Performance rather than design standards for small businesses. Not adopted, the required annual cost is already budgeted by each academy.

(D) Exemption of small businesses from any or all requirements of the rule. Not adopted, the required annual cost is already budgeted by each academy.

Conclusion: None were legal or feasible.

7. Less Expensive Alternatives — O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(5)

The agency considered the following alternatives:

- Take no action — Rejected because the governing statute requires implementation.

The agency has selected an alternative that does not impose excessive regulatory costs on any regulated person or entity, and the cost of compliance could not be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of the statutes that are the basis of the proposed rule.

8. Charitable Organizations — O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(4)

Not applicable.

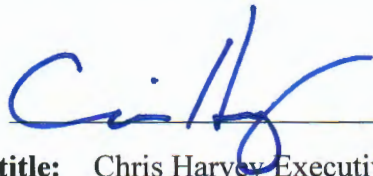
9. Conclusion

Having considered the foregoing, the agency concludes that the proposed rule is not anticipated to have a material adverse economic impact on any regulated person or entity, including small businesses.

CERTIFICATION

This analysis was prepared and considered by the agency prior to the issuance of the notice of intended action and prior to the adoption, amendment, or repeal of the proposed rule, in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a).

Signature:



Name and title: Chris Harvey Executive Director Georgia POST Council

Date: August 04, 2026

ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

Prepared pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)

Georgia Peace Officer Standards & Training Council

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Rule number(s): 464-05-.03

Rule title(s): Basic, In-Service Training and Specialized/Advanced Course Administration

Action proposed (adopt / amend / repeal): Amend 464-05-.03

Statutory authority: O.C.G.A. 35-8-7(1)

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Basis for the estimate: required annual cost is already budgeted by each academy.

4. Benefits

The agency anticipates the following benefits: ensures academy compliance with the ULEAR.

To the extent they are not quantifiable, the agency has identified them qualitatively above.

5. Costs to the Agency and Other Units of Government

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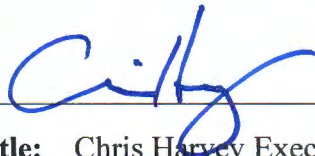
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