

# **Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Services Division

SF 267 – Iowa Law Enforcement Academy (LSB1986XS)

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## **Description**

<u>Senate File 267</u> relates to the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) Council including the revocation or suspension of certifications of law enforcement officers and reserve peace officers, and administrative investigations under the peace officer, public safety, and emergency personnel bill of rights.

The Bill modifies the makeup of the ILEA Council and the existing procedures related to the revocation of the certification of a law enforcement officer or reserve peace officer. The Bill also provides that an action for revocation or suspension of the certification of a law enforcement officer or reserve peace officer may not be maintained by the Council unless the action is commenced within 180 days from the date the Council was notified of the grounds for the revocation or suspension.

## **Background**

The ILEA Council is made up of both voting and nonvoting members who oversee the regulations and decisions involving the ILEA and statewide law enforcement agencies. Members are appointed for limited terms. Academy Council meetings occur bimonthly. Current law provides that the Council consists of 13 voting members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate.

According to the ILEA, resolving revocations or suspensions of certified officers may take longer than 180 days depending on the circumstances. The extended delay can have multiple causes, including scheduling court dates, delays in the evidentiary process, and delays in obtaining legal documents needed by the Attorney General's office. These delays are even more common if the officer is charged with a crime or appeals.

## **Assumption**

Adopting timeframes for action and new case types may increase ILEA workload and require additional FTE positions.

### **Fiscal Impact**

Senate File 267 may require the ILEA to hire additional FTE positions to handle the increased workload under the Bill; however, the number of additional FTE positions is unknown. The cost of 1.0 Administrative Assistant II FTE position is estimated to be approximately \$63,000 annually.

### Sources

Iowa Law Enforcement Academy Legislative Services Agency

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