

**TO: Members of the General Assembly**

**FROM: Brady Carney, Director, ILEA**

**SUBJECT: 80B.11F Revision regarding previous law enforcement certification in other states**

**Background:**

Iowa Code section 80B.11F is the provision that covers previous law enforcement certification in other states leading to peace officer certification in Iowa. People want to come to Iowa for personal and professional reasons, and this includes law enforcement professionals. Ambiguous language in our current law negatively impacts out of state talent to evaluate whether or not their out of state certification and/or employment makes them eligible for our reciprocity program known as Certification Through Examination or CTE.

**Proposed Solution:**

Due in large part to pervasive recruiting issues, law enforcement agencies across Iowa are looking for talented law enforcement professionals in other states.

Iowa Code section 80B.11F (3) states in part, "Before beginning employment with an employing agency in this state, a law enforcement officer who has been certified in another state must submit a preliminary application for certification through examination to the council."

Specifically, a law enforcement officer who has been certified "in" another state can be interpreted as any individual receiving a law enforcement certification in any state can submit an application for certification through examination. Some states don't require law enforcement academy training in order to obtain peace officer certification. Rather, some states allow for post-secondary education to count towards post-secondary education to obtain peace officer certification, and interpretation of current Iowa code allows for those individuals to be certified in Iowa without attending a law enforcement training academy.

New language is clearer and restricts eligible out of state certification to other states' law enforcement certifying body.

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**Requested Language Iowa Code section 80B.11F (3):**

Before beginning employment with an employing agency in this state, a law enforcement officer who has been certified ~~in~~ **by** another state must submit a preliminary application for certification through examination to the council. The application shall be under oath and shall require the applicant to provide any information determined to be necessary by the council, including but not limited to an attestation by the applicant to any of the following:

Thanks for your consideration,



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