**501—1.1(80B,80D) Definitions.** As used in this chapter and 501—Chapters 2 through 6 and 8 through 10:

*"Academy"* means the Iowa law enforcement academy.

*"Applicant"* means an individual filing an application for consideration before the council.

*"Area school"* means a training school approved by the council that provides noncertifying courses for more than one law enforcement agency.

*"Basic training course"* means the initial training course completed by a jail administrator, jailer, temporary holding facility administrator, or public safety telecommunicator within the required time frame from the individual's date of hire.

*"Break in service"* means a gap in employment in the state of Iowa.

*"Certification"* means the license issued to a law enforcement officer or a reserve officer upon documentation that the law enforcement or reserve officer is employed and has successfully completed the training requirements for the specific license.

*"Code of professional conduct"* means a set of ethical principles governing the conduct of all law enforcement officers and reserve officers.

*"Conviction"* means a conviction in any federal, military, tribal, state, county, municipal, or juvenile court; a voluntary forfeiture of bail, bond, or collateral deposited to secure a defendant's appearance in court as final disposition; the payment of a fine or civil penalty; a plea of guilty or nolo contendere; or a finding of guilt, even if the adjudication of guilty is deferred, withheld, not entered, sealed, or expunged; whether the plea or conviction is set aside or withdrawn, or the case or charge is dismissed or reduced where the setting aside, withdraw, dismissal, or reduction is based upon lenity or rehabilitation rather than upon a defect in the legality or factual basis of the plea, finding of guilt or conviction; and any conviction for which the person is pardoned.

*"Core competency"* means the effective and successful application of combined skills, knowledge, and behaviors in a given situation.

*"Core concept"* means an element of understanding through education or study that forms a foundation. Concepts are the building blocks for skills.

*"Core skill"* means a specific, trainable ability that is gained by applying concepts. Skills are the building blocks of competencies.

*"Council"* means the Iowa law enforcement academy council.

*"Director"* means the director of the Iowa law enforcement academy.

*"Discipline"* means the process of sanctioning a certification, license, endorsement, or waiver issued by the council.

*"Employing agency"* means any state, county, municipal, or tribal government or governmental body that employs an individual under the academy's statutory authority.

*"Feasibility study"* means a comprehensive assessment that determines the viability of a proposed regional training center identifying the technical, economic, operational, and logistical challenges to ensure the proposed regional training center will align with the council's mission. A feasibility study includes a preliminary analysis, market research, financial assessment, technical and organizational needs, and risk analysis.

*"Instructor endorsement"* means a practical or content endorsement awarded by the council to an eligible individual to instruct or qualify another in a specific area. An instructor endorsement will be active and in good standing for the instructor to conduct mandatory training or qualifications.

*"Jail"* means any place administered by the county sheriff and designed to hold inmates for as long as lawfully required but not to exceed one year pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 356 and 356A.

*"Jail administrator"* means the sheriff, sheriff's designee, or the executive head of any agency operating a jail.

*"Law enforcement practice"* means experience gained by a certified law enforcement officer whose primary job function is the enforcement of criminal laws and the prevention and detection of crime.

*"Local school"* means a training school approved by the council that provides noncertifying courses for its own employees.

*"Professional development"* means relevant training that will maintain, improve, or expand skills and knowledge to satisfy annual training and certification requirements.

*"Psychologically suitable"* means possessing the psychological characteristics, emotional stability, judgment, impulse control, integrity, stress tolerance, interpersonal functioning, behavioral reliability, and decision-making capacity necessary to safely and effectively perform the essential duties and exercise the authority of a law enforcement or reserve officer.

*"Qualified licensed provider"* means a health care provider with the necessary education, training, and state-mandated license to perform professional services within the provider's scope of practice.

*"Reciprocity"* means a pathway to certification that includes certification through examination, military reciprocity, or federal reciprocity.

*"Regional training center"* means a training center approved by the council that provides courses for level I academies, level II academies, or reserve officers.

*"Regional training center coordinator"* means the individual who is responsible for overseeing, implementing, and assessing course curriculum and instruction standards at a council-approved regional training center.

*"Revocation"* means the process by which the council removes an individual's certification.

*"Service in the uniformed services"* means the performance of duty on a voluntary or involuntary basis in a uniformed service as defined by the federal Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 as amended to January 1, 2027.

*"Successfully complete"* means to demonstrate the ability to perform all practical skills safely, effectively, and within the standards outlined by the academy or to pass an academic assessment at 80 percent.

*"Temporary holding facility"* means the same as defined in 201—Chapter 51.

*"Weapon"* means any firearm, striking instrument, conductive energy device, or chemical agent authorized for use as a weapon by the employing agency.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 80B.3, 80B.11, 80B.13, 80D.7, and 321.52.

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