

House Amendment to  
Senate File 2396

S-5231

1 Amend Senate File 2396, as amended, passed, and reprinted by  
2 the Senate, as follows:

3 1. Page 23, after line 20 by inserting:

4 <DIVISION \_\_\_\_

5 COMMUNICATIONS IN PROFESSIONAL CONFIDENCE

6 Sec. \_\_\_\_ . Section 622.10, subsection 9, paragraph a, Code  
7 2024, is amended to read as follows:

8 a. A peer support ~~group~~ counselor or individual present  
9 for a individual or group crisis intervention who obtains  
10 information from an officer or a civilian employee of a law  
11 enforcement agency, emergency management agency, emergency  
12 medical services agency, or fire department by reason of the  
13 counselor's capacity as a peer support group counselor or an  
14 individual's presence for a group crisis intervention shall not  
15 be allowed, ~~in giving testimony~~, to disclose any confidential  
16 communication properly entrusted to the counselor or individual  
17 present for a an individual or group crisis intervention by  
18 the officer or civilian employee while receiving counseling or  
19 group crisis intervention, including in giving testimony.

20 Sec. \_\_\_\_ . Section 622.10, subsection 9, paragraph c,  
21 subparagraphs (1) and (2), Code 2024, are amended to read as  
22 follows:

23 (1) "*Officer*" means a certified law enforcement officer,  
24 fire fighter, emergency medical technician or medical provider,  
25 paramedic, corrections officer, detention officer, jailer,  
26 probation or parole officer, ~~communications officer~~ public  
27 safety telecommunicator, dispatcher, emergency management  
28 coordinator under chapter 29C, or any other law enforcement  
29 officer certified by the Iowa law enforcement academy and  
30 employed by a city, county, or state agency.

31 (2) "~~Peer support group counselor~~" "Peer support counselor"  
32 means a law enforcement officer, fire fighter, civilian  
33 employee of a law enforcement agency or fire department, or a  
34 nonemployee counselor who has been designated as a peer support  
35 group counselor by a sheriff, police chief, fire chief, or

1 department head of a law enforcement agency, fire department,  
2 or emergency medical services agency, and who has received  
3 training to provide emotional and moral support and counseling  
4 to an officer or group who needs those services as a result of  
5 an incident in which the officer or group was involved while  
6 acting in the officer's or group's official capacity.>

7 2. Page 23, after line 20 by inserting:

8 <DIVISION \_\_\_\_  
9 LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAMS

10 Sec. \_\_\_\_ . Section 99G.39, Code 2024, is amended by adding  
11 the following new subsection:

12 NEW SUBSECTION. 5A. Two million dollars in lottery revenues  
13 shall be transferred each fiscal year to the length of service  
14 award program grant fund created in section 100B.52 prior to  
15 deposit of the lottery revenues in the general fund of the  
16 state pursuant to section 99G.40.

17 Sec. \_\_\_\_ . NEW SECTION. 100B.51 **Length of service award**  
18 **programs — authorization.**

19 The governing body of a municipality, as defined in section  
20 100B.21, is authorized to establish a length of service award  
21 program for volunteer fire fighters as defined in section  
22 85.61, emergency medical care providers as defined in section  
23 147A.1 who are volunteers, and reserve peace officers as  
24 defined in section 80D.1A. The program shall provide length  
25 of service awards, as described in section 457(e)(11) of the  
26 Internal Revenue Code, to volunteer fire fighters, volunteer  
27 emergency medical care providers, and reserve peace officers  
28 serving a municipality that elects to establish a program. The  
29 program shall be designed to treat awards from the program as  
30 a tax-deferred benefit under the Internal Revenue Code. The  
31 governing body of the municipality shall, in consultation with  
32 the chief or other person in command of the fire department  
33 and police department serving the municipality, as applicable,  
34 adopt guidelines providing for eligibility requirements for  
35 participation by volunteer fire fighters, volunteer emergency

1 medical care providers, and reserve peace officers, minimum  
2 vesting requirements, distribution requirements, and such other  
3 guidelines as deemed necessary to operate the program.

4 Sec. \_\_\_\_ . NEW SECTION. 100B.52 Length of service award  
5 program grant fund — appropriation.

6 1. A length of service award program grant fund is created  
7 in the state treasury under the control of the department of  
8 revenue. The fund shall consist of all moneys appropriated to  
9 the fund.

10 2. Moneys in the length of service award program grant fund  
11 are appropriated to the department of revenue for the purpose  
12 of providing grants to municipalities that have established  
13 a length of service award program as described in section  
14 100B.51 to provide contributions to the program on behalf  
15 of participants in the program. The department of revenue  
16 shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A establishing a grant  
17 application process. The rules must require a municipality to  
18 electronically file the grant application with the department  
19 of revenue. The grant process shall provide for up to a  
20 dollar-for-dollar funding match from a municipality that has  
21 established a length of service award program, not to exceed  
22 five hundred dollars per person in the program receiving the  
23 grant. If the amount in the fund is insufficient to pay all the  
24 eligible grants in a fiscal year, the director of revenue shall  
25 prorate the moneys awarded to each municipality. The grant  
26 process shall allow a municipality to use moneys received to  
27 fund the program from gifts, devises, bequests, or any other  
28 source for purposes of providing the funding match required by  
29 this subsection.

30 3. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or  
31 earnings on moneys deposited in the fund shall be credited to  
32 the fund. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys credited to the  
33 fund shall not revert at the close of a fiscal year.

34 Sec. \_\_\_\_ . EFFECTIVE DATE. This division of this Act takes  
35 effect January 1, 2025.>

- 1     3. Title page, line 1, after <to> by inserting <confidential
- 2 communications and to>
- 3     4. Title page, line 5, after <thresholds,> by inserting
- 4 <implementing a local tax-deferred benefit,>
- 5     5. By renumbering as necessary.