

House File 2608

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1 Amend House File 2608 as follows:

2 1. By striking everything after the enacting clause and  
3 inserting:

4 <Section 1. Section 2.11, Code 2026, is amended by adding  
5 the following new subsection:

6 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. *a.* Each house of the general assembly  
7 shall use the e-verify system of the United States citizenship  
8 and immigration services to confirm the employment eligibility  
9 of newly hired employees.

10 *b.* An employee may challenge the results of the submission  
11 of the employee's information to the e-verify system of  
12 the United States citizenship and immigration services by  
13 submitting a challenge, including documentation proving that  
14 the results are incorrect, to the legislative council within  
15 ten calendar days of receipt of the results. The legislative  
16 council shall review the challenge and communicate the results  
17 of the appeal to the employee and the appropriate house of the  
18 general assembly as soon as practicable.

19 *c.* Each house of the general assembly shall transmit the  
20 results of the e-verify system check to the United States  
21 immigration and customs enforcement and other appropriate  
22 federal immigration agencies if the check shows that the  
23 subject of the check does not have legal status to be present  
24 in the United States after the completion of an appeal pursuant  
25 to paragraph "b", if applicable.

26 Sec. 2. Section 2A.2, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended by  
27 adding the following new paragraph:

28 NEW PARAGRAPH. *0i.* (1) Use the e-verify system of the  
29 United States citizenship and immigration services to confirm  
30 the employment eligibility of newly hired employees.

31 (2) An employee may challenge the results of the submission  
32 of the employee's information to the e-verify system of  
33 the United States citizenship and immigration services by  
34 submitting a challenge, including documentation proving that  
35 the results are incorrect, to the legislative council within

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1 ten calendar days of receipt of the results. The legislative  
2 council shall review the challenge and communicate the results  
3 of the appeal to the employee and the director as soon as  
4 practicable.

5 (3) The director shall transmit the results of the e-verify  
6 system check to the United States immigration and customs  
7 enforcement and other appropriate federal immigration agencies  
8 if the check shows that the subject of the check does not  
9 have legal status to be present in the United States after  
10 the completion of an appeal pursuant to subparagraph (2), if  
11 applicable.

12 Sec. 3. Section 2C.4, Code 2026, is amended to read as  
13 follows:

14 **2C.4 Citizen of United States and resident of Iowa.**

15 1. The ombudsman shall be a citizen of the United States  
16 and a resident of the state of Iowa, and shall be qualified to  
17 analyze problems of law, administration, and public policy.

18 2. a. The ombudsman shall use the e-verify system of the  
19 United States citizenship and immigration services to confirm  
20 the employment eligibility of newly hired employees.

21 b. An employee may challenge the results of the submission  
22 of the employee's information to the e-verify system of  
23 the United States citizenship and immigration services by  
24 submitting a challenge, including documentation proving that  
25 the results are incorrect, to the legislative council within  
26 ten calendar days of receipt of the results. The legislative  
27 council shall review the challenge and communicate the results  
28 of the appeal to the employee and the ombudsman as soon as  
29 practicable.

30 c. The ombudsman shall transmit the results of the e-verify  
31 system check to the United States immigration and customs  
32 enforcement and other appropriate federal immigration agencies  
33 if the check shows that the subject of the check does not  
34 have legal status to be present in the United States after  
35 the completion of an appeal pursuant to paragraph "b", if

1 applicable.

2 Sec. 4. Section 7E.3, Code 2026, is amended by adding the  
3 following new subsection:

4 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. *Verification of United States citizenship*  
5 *and immigration status.* Use the e-verify system of the United  
6 States citizenship and immigration services to confirm the  
7 employment eligibility of newly hired employees. The head of  
8 the department or agency shall transmit the results of the  
9 e-verify system check to the United States immigration and  
10 customs enforcement and other appropriate federal immigration  
11 agencies if the check shows that the subject of the check does  
12 not have legal status to be present in the United States after  
13 the completion of an appeal pursuant to section 10A.114, if  
14 applicable.

15 Sec. 5. Section 10A.101, Code 2026, is amended by adding the  
16 following new subsection:

17 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. "*SAVE program*" means the systematic  
18 alien verification for entitlements system of the United  
19 States department of homeland security and the United States  
20 citizenship and immigration services.

21 Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. 10A.113 **SAVE program clearinghouse.**

22 1. There is created within the department a SAVE program  
23 clearinghouse, which shall serve as the central entity to  
24 process requests to verify, using the SAVE program, the United  
25 States citizenship and immigration status of an individual  
26 who has applied for a professional license in this state.  
27 The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to  
28 implement this section.

29 2. The department shall transmit the results of a SAVE  
30 program clearinghouse check to the United States immigration  
31 and customs enforcement and other appropriate federal  
32 immigration agencies if the check shows that the subject of the  
33 check does not have legal status to be present in the United  
34 States after the completion of an appeal pursuant to section  
35 10A.114, if applicable.

1     Sec. 7. NEW SECTION.   **10A.114**   **Citizenship and immigration**  
2 **status — appeal.**

3     1. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A  
4 to allow an employee of a school district, a city, a county,  
5 or the executive branch including the state board of regents  
6 and each institution of higher education governed by the board,  
7 or a person who has applied for a professional license in  
8 this state, to challenge the results of the submission of the  
9 person's information to the SAVE program or the e-verify system  
10 of the United States citizenship and immigration services with  
11 the department.

12    2. A person must submit a challenge pursuant to subsection 1  
13 and documentation proving that the results are incorrect within  
14 ten calendar days of receipt of the results.

15    3. The department shall review a challenge submitted  
16 pursuant to subsection 1 and communicate the results of the  
17 appeal to the person who submitted the challenge and the hiring  
18 authority or licensing board, as applicable, within seven  
19 calendar days of receipt of the challenge. The decision of the  
20 department is final agency action pursuant to chapter 17A.

21    Sec. 8. Section 10A.506, Code 2026, is amended by adding the  
22 following new subsection:

23     NEW SUBSECTION.   13.   *a.* The licensing and regulation  
24 examining boards included in the department pursuant to  
25 subsection 1 shall use the SAVE program clearinghouse created  
26 within the department pursuant to section 10A.113 to verify  
27 the United States citizenship and immigration status of an  
28 individual who has applied for a professional license from the  
29 board.

30     *b.* A denial of an application for a professional license due  
31 to the results of the SAVE program clearinghouse check shall  
32 be appealed to the director and the director's decision shall  
33 constitute final agency action.

34    Sec. 9. NEW SECTION.   **262.9E**   **Verification of citizenship and**  
35 **immigration status.**

1 1. The state board of regents and each institution of higher  
2 education governed by the board shall use the e-verify system  
3 of the United States citizenship and immigration services to  
4 confirm the employment eligibility of newly hired employees.

5 2. The state board of regents and each institution of higher  
6 education governed by the board shall transmit the results of  
7 the e-verify system check to the United States immigration and  
8 customs enforcement and other appropriate federal immigration  
9 agencies if the check shows that the subject of the check does  
10 not have legal status to be present in the United States after  
11 the completion of an appeal pursuant to section 10A.114, if  
12 applicable.

13 Sec. 10. Section 272C.1, Code 2026, is amended by adding the  
14 following new subsection:

15 NEW SUBSECTION. 11. *"SAVE program clearinghouse"* means  
16 the SAVE program clearinghouse created within the department  
17 of inspections, appeals, and licensing pursuant to section  
18 10A.113.

19 Sec. 11. Section 272C.4, Code 2026, is amended by adding the  
20 following new subsection:

21 NEW SUBSECTION. 11. Use the SAVE program clearinghouse to  
22 confirm the United States citizenship and immigration status of  
23 an individual who has applied for a professional license from  
24 the board.

25 Sec. 12. Section 272C.10, Code 2026, is amended by adding  
26 the following new subsection:

27 NEW SUBSECTION. 9. For a license deemed a professional  
28 license by the licensing board, unlawful presence in the United  
29 States, as determined by using the SAVE program clearinghouse.

30 Sec. 13. NEW SECTION. **272C.15A Disqualifications for**  
31 **unlawful presence.**

32 A licensing board established after January 1, 1978, and  
33 pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, shall not issue or  
34 renew a professional license to an individual who the licensing  
35 board is unable to verify is lawfully present in the United

1 States, as determined by using the SAVE program clearinghouse.

2 Sec. 14. NEW SECTION. **279.89 Verification of citizenship**  
3 **and immigration status.**

4 1. The board of directors of each school district shall  
5 use the e-verify system of the United States citizenship and  
6 immigration services to confirm the employment eligibility of  
7 newly hired employees.

8 2. The board of directors of each school district shall  
9 transmit the results of the e-verify system check to the  
10 United States immigration and customs enforcement and other  
11 appropriate federal immigration agencies if the check shows  
12 that the subject of the check does not have legal status to be  
13 present in the United States after the completion of an appeal  
14 pursuant to section 10A.114, if applicable.

15 Sec. 15. Section 331.324, subsection 1, Code 2026, is  
16 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

17 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Op.* Use the e-verify system of the United  
18 States citizenship and immigration services to confirm the  
19 employment eligibility of newly hired employees. The board  
20 shall transmit the results of the e-verify system check to the  
21 United States immigration and customs enforcement and other  
22 appropriate federal immigration agencies if the check shows  
23 that the subject of the check does not have legal status to be  
24 present in the United States after the completion of an appeal  
25 pursuant to section 10A.114, if applicable.

26 Sec. 16. NEW SECTION. **364.26 Verification of citizenship**  
27 **and immigration status.**

28 A city shall use the e-verify system of the United States  
29 citizenship and immigration services to confirm the employment  
30 eligibility of newly hired employees. A city shall transmit  
31 the results of the e-verify system check to the United States  
32 immigration and customs enforcement and other appropriate  
33 federal immigration agencies if the check shows that the  
34 subject of the check does not have legal status to be present  
35 in the United States after the completion of an appeal pursuant

1 to section 10A.114, if applicable.>

2 2. Title page, by striking lines 1 through 4 and inserting  
3 <An Act relating to qualifications for state and local  
4 government employment and professional licensure.>

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