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SENATE FILE 352
BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 218)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the training of an individual who intends to
2 become certified as a law enforcement officer.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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SF 352

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 80B.11D TRAINING OF INDIVIDUALS
2 WHO ARE NOT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

3 1. The director of the academy, subject to the approval of
4 the council, shall adopt rules pursuant to this section and
5 chapter 17A, that provide for the acceptance of an application
6 for attendance at an approved law enforcement training school
7 from an individual who, at the time of submitting the
8 application for attendance, is not a law enforcement officer,
9 but who intends to become certified as a law enforcement
10 officer. An individual who submits an application pursuant to
11 this section shall, at a minimum, submit proof of successful
12 completion of at least one of the following:

13 a. A two-year or four-year police science or criminal
14 justice program at an accredited educational institution.

15 b. A law enforcement training program in another state
16 commensurate with a law enforcement training program in this
17 state.

18 2. Notwithstanding subsection 1, an individual shall not
19 be accepted at an approved law enforcement training school
20 pursuant to subsection 1 if such acceptance would result in
21 the nonacceptance of another qualifying applicant who is a law
22 enforcement officer.

23 3. This section shall apply only to individuals who apply
24 for certification through a short course of study as
25 established by rule.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill relates to the training of an individual who is
28 not a law enforcement officer but who intends to become a law
29 enforcement officer.

30 The bill requires the director of the law enforcement
31 academy, subject to the approval of the law enforcement
32 academy council, to adopt administrative rules that provide
33 for the acceptance of an application for attendance at an
34 approved law enforcement training school from an individual
35 who is not a law enforcement officer but who intends to become

1 a law enforcement officer. The bill provides that an
2 individual who submits an application shall submit proof of
3 successful completion of either a two-year or four-year degree
4 from a police science or criminal justice program from an
5 accredited educational institution or a law enforcement
6 training program in another state commensurate with a law
7 enforcement training program in this state.
8 The bill only applies to individuals who apply for
9 certification through a short course of study as established
10 by administrative rule of the director.

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SF 352 - Law Enforcement Academy Training (LSB 2207 SV)

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Fiscal Note Version — New

Description

Senate File 352 relates to law enforcement training of an individual who is not a law enforcement officer but who intends to become a law enforcement officer. A law enforcement agency may sponsor a candidate if that individual submits proof that they completed a two-year or four-year degree program or completed a law-enforcement training program in another state comparable to Iowa.

Assumptions

1. Currently, there are six locations that law enforcement officers can become certified in Iowa. The following entities have academies: Iowa Law Enforcement Academy, Cedar Rapids, Des Moines; Department of Public Safety; Western Iowa Technical Community College; and Hawkeye Technical Community College.
2. Hawkeye Technical Community College and Western Iowa Technical Community College are approved to conduct a short course study. Hawkeye Technical Community College had 37 persons attend the short program for FY 2000, 18 for FY 2001, and 27 for FY 2002. For FY 2003, 11 attended for the first semester. Western Iowa Technical Community College was approved to conduct the short course of study in February 2002 (FY 2003). No one attended Western Iowa Technical Community College short-program in FY 2002.
3. To participate in a short course, a person must have a two-year or four-year degree in criminal justice or police science or complete a law-enforcement training program in another state comparable to Iowa. Senate File 352 applies to an individual who is not a law enforcement officer but who intends to become a law enforcement officer. It is assumed that this person may pay their own way through the short course and then apply for a position with a local law enforcement agency.
4. If a significant number of candidates apply for law enforcement training certification prior to being hired by a law enforcement agency, the Academy estimates they would need to hire two support staff and one compliance officer. The cost for one additional Academy support staff person is \$39,000. The cost for one compliance officer to verify fulfillment of hiring standards is \$65,000. The total cost to the Department would be approximately \$153,000 and an increase of 3.0 FTE positions. Support costs would be an additional \$10,000 annually. The Academy may charge administration fees to make up the additional expenses at the time of application and at the time of certification.
5. The Law Enforcement Academy certified 345 officers in FY 2002, 325 officers in FY 2001, and 330 officers in FY 2000. These certifications were from attending one of the full Academy programs, the short course, or certification by examination.
6. The Iowa Law Enforcement Academy is 13 weeks. The community college short course is 8 weeks.
7. It is estimated that there are approximately 70 graduates a year in Criminology from the University of Northern Iowa. Northern Iowa is the only State University that offers Criminal Justice as a major. No response was received from the private 4-year colleges. In the 2001-2002 school year, there were 180 Associate Degrees awarded for Criminal Justice and Corrections, and there were 73 Associate Degrees awarded for Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement.
8. The number of individuals who would apply for a short course before being hired by a law enforcement agency is unknown.

Fiscal Impact

Due to insufficient information, the fiscal impact of SF 352 cannot be determined. However, if a significant number of candidates apply for law enforcement training certification prior to being hired by a law enforcement agency, the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy would be required to hire additional staff at a cost of approximately \$153,000 annually. It is estimated that the Academy may charge fees to offset their expenditures. Also, depending on the number of individuals that choose to take a short course at a community college, this could result in increased expenditures for additional faculty, training equipment, and classroom space. Community colleges may charge a fee to offset their expenditures.

Sources

Iowa Law Enforcement Academy
Community Colleges

/s/ Dennis C Prouty

March 18, 2003

SENATE FILE 352

S-3054

- 1 Amend Senate File 352 as follows:
 - 2 1. Page 1, by striking lines 16 and 17 and
 - 3 inserting the following: "or jurisdiction
 - 4 commensurate with a law enforcement training program
 - 5 approved by the director."
 - 6 2. Page 1, by striking lines 23 through 25.
- By KEITH A. KREIMAN

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Ruled out of order 4/15/03

S-3213

1 Amend Senate File 352 as follows:
2 1. By striking everything after the enacting
3 clause and inserting the following:
4 "Section 1. NEW SECTION. 80B.11D TRAINING.
5 1. An individual who is not a certified law
6 enforcement officer may apply for attendance at a
7 short course of study at an approved law enforcement
8 training program if such individual is sponsored by a
9 law enforcement agency. Such individual may be
10 sponsored by a law enforcement agency that either
11 intends to hire or has hired the individual as a law
12 enforcement officer.
13 2. An individual who submits an application
14 pursuant to subsection 1 shall, at a minimum, meet all
15 minimum hiring standards as established by academy
16 rules, including the successful completion of certain
17 psychological and physical testing examinations. In
18 addition, such individual shall be of good moral
19 character as determined by a thorough background
20 investigation by the hiring law enforcement agency.
21 The academy shall conduct the requisite testing and
22 background investigation for a fee if the law
23 enforcement agency does not do so, and for such
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28 fingerprint files.
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32 year police science or criminal justice program at an
33 accredited educational institution in this state
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37 pursuant to subsection 1 if such acceptance would
38 result in the nonacceptance of another qualifying
39 applicant who is a law enforcement officer.
40 5. This section applies only to individuals who
41 apply for certification through a short course of
42 study as established by rule.
43 6. An individual who has not been hired by a law
44 enforcement agency must be hired by a law enforcement
45 agency within eighteen months of completing the short
46 course of study in order to obtain certification
47 pursuant to this section."

By CHARLES W. LARSON, JR.
STEVEN H. WARNSTADT

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(AS AMENDED AND PASSED BY THE SENATE APRIL 15, 2003)

ALL New Language by the Senate

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SENATE FILE 352

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE TRAINING OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO INTENDS TO BECOME
CERTIFIED AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 80B.11D TRAINING.

1. An individual who is not a certified law enforcement officer may apply for attendance at a short course of study at an approved law enforcement training program if such individual is sponsored by a law enforcement agency. Such individual may be sponsored by a law enforcement agency that either intends to hire or has hired the individual as a law enforcement officer.

2. An individual who submits an application pursuant to subsection 1 shall, at a minimum, meet all minimum hiring standards as established by academy rules, including the successful completion of certain psychological and physical testing examinations. In addition, such individual shall be of good moral character as determined by a thorough background investigation by the hiring law enforcement agency. The academy shall conduct the requisite testing and background investigation for a fee if the law enforcement agency does not do so, and for such purposes, the academy shall be defined as a law enforcement agency and shall have the authority to conduct a background investigation including a fingerprint search of local, state, and national fingerprint files.

3. An individual who submits an application pursuant to subsection 1 shall, at a minimum, submit proof of successful completion of a two-year or four-year police science or criminal justice program at an accredited educational institution in this state approved by the academy.

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MARY E. KRAMER
President of the Senate

CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 352, Eightieth General Assembly.

MICHAEL E. MARSHALL
Secretary of the Senate

Approved _____, 2003

THOMAS J. VILSACK
Governor