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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act to provide that peace officers and retired peace  
2 officers qualify as classroom driver education instructors.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 272.31, Code 2013, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 3A. The board shall issue a classroom  
4 driver education instructor authorization for purposes of  
5 section 321.178 to a person who completes a training program  
6 that meets the standards set by the board, who complies with  
7 rules adopted pursuant to subsection 4, and who is either a  
8 peace officer as defined in section 801.4, subsection 11, or  
9 is retired under chapter 97A or 411, or section 97B.49B or  
10 97B.49C, after service as a peace officer as defined in section  
11 801.4, subsection 11. The training program shall include  
12 but not be limited to a minimum of fifteen contact hours in  
13 a program consisting of instruction relating to classroom  
14 management, strategies for learning, diversity, and ethics.

15 Sec. 2. Section 321.178, subsection 1, paragraph b,  
16 subparagraph (1), Code 2013, is amended to read as follows:

17 (1) To be qualified as a classroom driver education  
18 instructor, a person shall ~~have satisfied the educational~~  
19 ~~requirements for a teaching~~ meet one of the following  
20 requirements:

21 (a) Hold a valid teacher's license at the elementary or  
22 secondary level and hold a valid license an endorsement to  
23 teach driver education in the public schools of this state  
24 issued under chapter 272.

25 (b) Be a peace officer as defined in section 801.4,  
26 subsection 11, or, be retired under chapter 97A or 411, or  
27 section 97B.49B or 97B.49C, after service as a peace officer  
28 as defined in section 801.4, subsection 11, and meet the  
29 requirements of section 272.31, subsection 3A.

30 EXPLANATION

31 This bill permits a person who is a peace officer or a  
32 retired peace officer to be qualified as a classroom driver  
33 education instructor if the person also meets the board of  
34 educational examiner's requirements for a classroom driver  
35 education instructor authorization. Currently, only persons

1 holding a teaching license with an endorsement to teach driver  
2 education may qualify to be a classroom driver education  
3 instructor.

4 The bill directs the board of educational examiners to  
5 issue a classroom driver education instructor authorization  
6 to a person who completes a training program that meets the  
7 standards set by the board and who is either a peace officer or  
8 a retired peace officer. The training program shall include  
9 but not be limited to a minimum of 15 contact hours in a program  
10 consisting of instruction relating to classroom management,  
11 strategies for learning, diversity, and ethics.

12 The term "peace officer" is currently defined in Code  
13 section 801.4, subsection 11, to include sheriffs, deputy  
14 sheriffs, marshals and police officers of cities, peace officer  
15 members of the department of public safety, parole officers,  
16 probation officers, special security officers employed by  
17 regents institutions, conservation officers, employees of  
18 the department of transportation or of an aviation authority  
19 designated as "peace officers", and such persons as may be  
20 otherwise so designated by law.