

**House Study Bill 667 - Introduced**

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
WAYS AND MEANS BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON SANDS)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to funding of unified law enforcement  
2 districts, legalizing certain district budgets, and  
3 including effective date and retroactive applicability  
4 provisions.  
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 28E.23, subsection 1, Code 2014, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. The public safety commission, on or before January 10  
4 of each year, shall make an estimate of the total amount of  
5 revenue deemed necessary for operation of the district and,  
6 in conjunction with the county board of supervisors and city  
7 councils in the district, determine the amounts which will be  
8 contributed by the county and by each city in the district  
9 from its general fund which are based upon an average of  
10 revenues raised for law enforcement purposes in the county  
11 or city for the three previous years. As an alternative to  
12 computing average revenues raised for law enforcement purposes  
13 for the three previous years, a public safety commission, in  
14 conjunction with the county board of supervisors and city  
15 councils in the district, may calculate the average by using  
16 the amounts budgeted for the three previous fiscal years.  
17 The average of the amounts budgeted for the three previous  
18 fiscal years may be adjusted by a percentage not to exceed the  
19 percentage increase in the consumer price index for all urban  
20 consumers for the last available twelve-month period published  
21 in the federal register by the federal department of labor,  
22 bureau of labor statistics.

23 Sec. 2. Section 28E.23, subsection 2, Code 2014, is amended  
24 by adding the following new paragraph:

25 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. Any other method agreed to by each  
26 city and county member of the district. The public safety  
27 commission shall compute the amount of revenue deemed necessary  
28 for the operation of the district and the amounts to be  
29 contributed by the county and by each city in the district  
30 based upon such agreement. The computation of revenue under  
31 this paragraph shall be certified, deposited, and otherwise  
32 treated the same as an average of revenues under section  
33 28E.24 for all purposes, including determining the source  
34 of additional revenues needed for unified law enforcement  
35 services. If the method of funding allowed in this paragraph



1 The bill allows an alternative computation of averaging the  
2 budgeted amount for the three previous fiscal years with a  
3 percentage adjustment not to exceed the percentage increase in  
4 the consumer price index for all urban consumers for the most  
5 recently published 12-month period. This provision applies to  
6 budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2014.

7 Currently, a district making its annual determination of  
8 revenue deemed necessary for operation can make the computation  
9 based on one of two methods. The bill adds a third method  
10 that allows the members of the district to devise their own  
11 computation method provided that each city and county member  
12 of the district agrees to the method. If this new method  
13 is selected and approved by the members of the district,  
14 requirements in Code chapter 28E relating to average revenues  
15 raised for law enforcement purposes for the three previous  
16 years do not apply. This provision applies to budget years  
17 beginning on or after July 1, 2014.

18 The bill provides that the budget of a district and the  
19 budget of each member of the district that has been certified  
20 by the department of management or has been appealed to and  
21 sustained by the state appeal board for the fiscal period  
22 beginning on July 1, 1976, and ending June 30, 2014, is  
23 legalized and deemed valid as to that part of the budget  
24 related to the funding of the district during that fiscal  
25 period. This provision applies retroactively to July 1, 1976.

26 The bill takes effect upon enactment.