

Senate Study Bill 1003 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE
ON JUDICIARY BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON SODDERS)

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 2015, 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,
9 paragraph "a", "b", or "c", or is retired under chapter 97A or
10 411, or section 97B.49B or 97B.49C, after service as a peace
11 officer as defined in section 801.4, subsection 11, paragraph
12 "a", "b", or "c". The training program shall include but not
13 be limited to a minimum of fifteen contact hours in a program
14 consisting of instruction relating to classroom management,
15 strategies for learning, diversity, and ethics.

16 Sec. 2. Section 321.178, subsection 1, paragraph b,
17 subparagraph (1), Code 2015, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

32 EXPLANATION

33 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
34 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

35 This bill permits a person who is a peace officer or a

1 retired peace officer to be qualified as a classroom driver
2 education instructor if the person also meets the board of
3 educational examiner's requirements for a classroom driver
4 education instructor authorization. Currently, only persons
5 holding a teaching license with an endorsement to teach driver
6 education may qualify to be a classroom driver education
7 instructor.

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

16 Under the bill, the term "peace officer" is limited to
17 sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, marshals and police officers of
18 cities, and peace officer members of the department of public
19 safety.