

House File 562 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 419)

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 2017, 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 "h", or a peace officer in the division
10 of state patrol; or is retired under chapter 97A or 411, or
11 section 97B.49B or 97B.49C, after service as a peace officer as
12 defined in section 801.4, subsection 11, paragraph "a", "b", or
13 "h", or a peace officer in the division of state patrol. The
14 training program shall include but not be limited to a minimum
15 of fifteen contact hours in a program consisting of instruction
16 relating to classroom management, strategies for learning,
17 diversity, and ethics.

18 Sec. 2. Section 321.178, subsection 1, paragraph b,
19 subparagraph (1), Code 2017, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

28 (b) Be a peace officer as defined in section 801.4,
29 subsection 11, paragraph "a", "b", or "h", or a peace officer in
30 the division of state patrol; or be retired under chapter 97A
31 or 411, or section 97B.49B or 97B.49C, after service as a peace
32 officer as defined in section 801.4, subsection 11, paragraph
33 "a", "b", or "h", or as a peace officer in the division of state
34 patrol, and meet the requirements of section 272.31, subsection
35 3A.

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EXPLANATION

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

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4 This bill permits a person who is a peace officer or a
5 retired peace officer to be qualified as a classroom driver
6 education instructor if the person also meets the board of
7 educational examiner's requirements for a classroom driver
8 education instructor authorization. Currently, only persons
9 holding a teaching license with an endorsement to teach driver
10 education may qualify to be a classroom driver education
11 instructor.

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

20 Under the bill, the term "peace officer" is limited to
21 sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, marshals and police officers of
22 cities, state patrol peace officers, and peace officer members
23 of the department of transportation.