House Study Bill 700 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY BILL BY CHAIRPERSON KLEIN)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to officer disciplinary actions.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. Section 80F.1, subsection 1, Code 2020, is
- 2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:
- 3 NEW PARAGRAPH. q. "Brady-Giglio list" means a list of
- 4 officers maintained by the county attorney's office, including
- 5 officers who may not have disclosed all impeachment information
- 6 and officers who may have violated the pretrial discovery rule
- 7 requiring officers to turn over all evidence that may be used
- 8 to exonerate a defendant.
- 9 Sec. 2. Section 80F.1, Code 2020, is amended by adding the
- 10 following new subsection:
- 11 NEW SUBSECTION. 20. a. An officer shall not be discharged,
- 12 disciplined, or threatened with discharge or discipline by a
- 13 state, county, or municipal law enforcement agency solely due
- 14 to the inclusion of the officer's name on a Brady-Giglio list.
- 15 b. This subsection does not prohibit a law enforcement
- 16 agency from dismissing, suspending, demoting, or taking other
- 17 disciplinary actions against an officer based on the underlying
- 18 actions that resulted in the officer's name being placed on
- 19 a Brady-Giglio list. If a collective bargaining agreement
- 20 applies, the actions taken by the law enforcement agency shall
- 21 conform to the rules and procedures adopted by the collective
- 22 bargaining agreement.
- 23 EXPLANATION
- The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
- 25 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 26 This bill relates to officer disciplinary actions.
- 27 The bill amends Code chapter 80F, relating to the rights of
- 28 officers and public safety and emergency personnel. The bill
- 29 prohibits an officer from being discharged, disciplined, or
- 30 threatened with discharge or discipline by a state, county, or
- 31 municipal law enforcement agency solely due to the inclusion
- 32 of the officer's name on a Brady-Giglio list. However, a law
- 33 enforcement agency may dismiss, suspend, demote, or take other
- 34 disciplinary action against an officer based on the underlying
- 35 actions that resulted in the officer's name being placed on a

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- 1 Brady-Giglio list.
- 2 The bill defines "Brady-Giglio list" as a list of officers
- 3 maintained by the county attorney's office, including officers
- 4 who may not have disclosed all impeachment information pursuant
- 5 to Giglio v. U.S., 405 U.S. 150 (1972), and officers who may
- 6 have violated the pretrial discovery rule established by Brady
- 7 v. Maryland, 373 U.S. 83 (1963), requiring officers to turn
- 8 over all evidence that might be used to exonerate a defendant.
- 9 Under Code section 80F.1, "officer" means a certified
- 10 law enforcement officer, fire fighter, emergency medical
- 11 technician, corrections officer, detention officer, jailer,
- 12 probation or parole officer, communications officer, or
- 13 any other law enforcement officer certified by the Iowa law
- 14 enforcement academy and employed by a municipality, county, or
- 15 state agency.