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A BILL FOR

1 An Act designating correctional officers as public safety
2 employees for purposes of public employee collective
3 bargaining and including applicability provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 20.3, subsection 11, Code 2021, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *g.* A correctional officer employed by the
4 Iowa department of corrections.

5 Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to collective
6 bargaining procedures pursuant to chapter 20 initiated on or
7 after the effective date of this Act.

8 EXPLANATION

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

11 This bill designates correctional officers employed by the
12 Iowa department of corrections as public safety employees for
13 the purposes of collective bargaining pursuant to Code chapter
14 20, the public employment relations Act. Code chapter 20 and
15 Code chapter 400 include collective bargaining procedures
16 specifically applicable to public safety employees that are
17 not applicable to other public employees, including procedures
18 relating to the scope of collective bargaining negotiations,
19 arbitration procedures, and certain matters relating to city
20 civil service employment.

21 The bill applies to collective bargaining procedures
22 pursuant to Code chapter 20 initiated on or after the effective
23 date of the bill.