

**House File 881 - Introduced**

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BY GAINES

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the employment of social workers by county  
2 sheriffs and municipal police departments.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 331.662 Social workers in office  
2 of county sheriff.

3 A county sheriff shall, by July 1, 2023, employ at least  
4 one social worker licensed pursuant to chapter 154C for every  
5 fifteen deputy sheriffs employed by the county sheriff.

6 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 362.10A Social workers in municipal  
7 police departments.

8 A municipal police department shall, by July 1, 2023, employ  
9 at least one social worker licensed pursuant to chapter 154C  
10 for every fifteen police officers employed by the municipal  
11 police department.

12 EXPLANATION

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

15 This bill relates to the employment of social workers by  
16 county sheriffs and municipal police departments.

17 The bill provides that a county sheriff shall employ at  
18 least one licensed social worker for every 15 deputy sheriffs  
19 employed by the county sheriff.

20 The bill provides that a municipal police department shall  
21 employ at least one licensed social worker for every 15 police  
22 officers employed by the municipal police department.

23 The requirements for employing licensed social workers must  
24 be complied with by July 1, 2023.