

**Senate File 479 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE 479  
BY COMMITTEE ON STATE  
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1203)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the denial of state funds to a local entity.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 8.31A Denial of state funds.

2 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
3 contrary, a local entity, including any entity under the  
4 jurisdiction of the local entity, shall be ineligible to  
5 receive any state funds if the local entity reduces the budget  
6 of a law enforcement agency under the jurisdiction of the local  
7 entity unless the total budget of the local entity is reduced  
8 by an equal or larger percentage or the local entity provides  
9 sufficient justification under subsection 4.

10 2. State funds shall be denied to a local entity pursuant to  
11 subsection 1 by all state agencies for each state fiscal year  
12 that begins after the fiscal year in which the law enforcement  
13 agency's budget is reduced. State funds shall continue to be  
14 denied until eligibility to receive state funds is reinstated  
15 under section 8.31. However, any state funds for law  
16 enforcement purposes shall not be denied under this section.

17 3. A local entity's eligibility to receive state funds shall  
18 be reinstated beginning on the first day of the month following  
19 the date on which the local entity's budget is no longer in  
20 violation of this section.

21 4. a. A local entity may submit written justification to  
22 the department of management for any reductions in the local  
23 entity's law enforcement budget. Sufficient justification may  
24 include any of the following:

25 (1) Reductions related to one-time capital or one-time  
26 equipment or vehicle purchases in the prior fiscal year.

27 (2) Reductions related to lower personnel cost of law  
28 enforcement personnel due only to lower cost entry-level  
29 law enforcement personnel replacing prior law enforcement  
30 personnel.

31 (3) Reductions due to the merging or consolidation of jail  
32 services or communications and dispatch services or the merging  
33 of law enforcement agencies.

34 (4) Reductions due to reduced population in a jurisdiction  
35 served by a law enforcement agency.



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3 for each state fiscal year that begins after the fiscal year in  
4 which the law enforcement agency's budget is reduced. State  
5 funds shall continue to be denied until eligibility to receive  
6 state funds is reinstated under Code section 8.31. State  
7 funds for law enforcement purposes shall not be denied. The  
8 department of management is directed to adopt rules pursuant to  
9 Code chapter 17A to implement the provisions of the bill.  
10 Code section 8.2 defines "state funds" as any and all moneys  
11 appropriated by the legislature, or money collected by or for  
12 the state, or an agency thereof, pursuant to authority granted  
13 by any of its laws.