

House File 2163 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 522)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to public safety telecommunicators.

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

1 Section 1. Section 80F.1, subsection 1, paragraph f, Code
2 2024, is amended to read as follows:

3 f. "Officer" means a certified law enforcement officer, fire
4 fighter, emergency medical technician, corrections officer,
5 detention officer, jailer, probation or parole officer,
6 ~~communications officer~~ public safety telecommunicator, or
7 any other law enforcement officer certified by the Iowa law
8 enforcement academy and employed by a municipality, county, or
9 state agency.

10 Sec. 2. Section 622.10, subsection 9, paragraph c,
11 subparagraph (1), Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

12 (1) "Officer" means a certified law enforcement officer,
13 fire fighter, emergency medical technician, paramedic,
14 corrections officer, detention officer, jailer, probation
15 or parole officer, ~~communications officer~~ public safety
16 telecommunicator, dispatcher, emergency management coordinator
17 under [chapter 29C](#), or any other law enforcement officer
18 certified by the Iowa law enforcement academy and employed by a
19 city, county, or state agency.

20 EXPLANATION

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

23 This bill relates to public safety telecommunicators.

24 Code section 80B.11C requires the Iowa law enforcement
25 academy (ILEA) to establish minimum standards for training
26 of public safety telecommunicators. "Public safety
27 telecommunicator" is defined as a person who serves as a first
28 responder by receiving requests for, or by dispatching requests
29 to, emergency response agencies that include but are not
30 limited to law enforcement, fire, rescue, and emergency medical
31 services agencies.

32 The bill changes the term "communications officer" to
33 "public safety telecommunicator" to conform with the term used
34 by ILEA in establishing minimum standards for training of
35 public safety telecommunicators.