

House File 519 - Introduced

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BY CAHILL

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to minimum eligibility requirements for Iowa
2 law enforcement officers.

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

1 Section 1. IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY — GENERAL
2 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. The
3 Iowa law enforcement academy shall amend its administrative
4 rules pursuant to chapter 17A to provide that a law enforcement
5 officer must either be a citizen of the United States or a
6 lawful resident of the United States who has been in the
7 United States legally for at least five years and has legal
8 authorization to work in the United States.

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EXPLANATION

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

12 This bill relates to minimum eligibility requirements for
13 Iowa law enforcement officers.

14 Under current law, no person may be selected or appointed as
15 a law enforcement officer unless the person is a citizen of the
16 United States.

17 The bill directs the Iowa law enforcement academy to amend
18 its administrative rules concerning general eligibility
19 requirements for law enforcement officers to also allow a
20 person who is a lawful resident of the United States who has
21 been in the United States legally for at least five years and
22 has legal authorization to work in the United States to be
23 selected or appointed as a law enforcement officer.