

Senate Bill 779

Sponsored by Senator FREDERICK

SUMMARY

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Requires police officers, corrections officers, parole and probation officers, regulatory specialists and reserve officers to complete post-secondary education.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to educational qualifications of law enforcement officers; creating new provisions; and
3 amending ORS 181A.395.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 181A.395 is amended to read:

6 181A.395. (1) A law enforcement unit [*in this state*] may not employ as a police officer, cor-
7 rections officer, parole and probation officer or regulatory specialist, or utilize as a certified reserve
8 officer or reserve officer, any person who has not yet attained the age of 21 years.

9 (2)(a) **A law enforcement unit that employs more than 50 police officers, corrections of-**
10 **ficers, parole and probation officers or regulatory specialists may not employ as a police of-**
11 **ficer, corrections officer, parole and probation officer or regulatory specialist, or utilize as**
12 **a certified reserve officer or reserve officer, any person who does not hold a bachelor's de-**
13 **gree.**

14 (b) **A law enforcement unit that employs 50 or fewer police officers, corrections officers,**
15 **parole and probation officers or regulatory specialists may not employ as a police officer,**
16 **corrections officer, parole and probation officer or regulatory specialist, or utilize as a cer-**
17 **tified reserve officer or reserve officer, any person who has not completed at least two years**
18 **of post-secondary education.**

19 **SECTION 2.** Notwithstanding ORS 181A.395 (2), a law enforcement unit that employs or
20 utilizes a person on the effective date of this 2023 Act who does not meet the educational
21 qualifications of ORS 181A.395 (2) may continue to employ or utilize the person for four years
22 after the effective date of this 2023 Act, at which time the person must meet the educational
23 qualifications of ORS 181A.395 (2) or cease to be employed or utilized by the law enforcement
24 unit.
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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.