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As I read this bill, my mind was in turmoil. I tried to figure out which 4 year degree would help to make a better police officer. There are degrees in art, literature, economics, horticulture, computer science, languages, engineering, etc, and the list goes on and on. I just couldn't figure out which degree, if any, would make a better officer. I would like the author of this bill to please explain to us, just how a four year degree will make a better police office.

Also, the four year "grandfather" provision is absurd. It means that an officer who has been on the force for, lets say, 10 years, is working his butt off trying to protect the citizens, has to figure out how to go to college during that four year "grandfather" period in order to keep his job and provide for his family.

I would implore the members of this committee to honestly consider the impact this bill will have on the safety and security of our neighborhoods when there are no longer any police around to protect them.

Thank you for your time