



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HB5079

Introduced 1/27/2022, by Rep. Stephanie A. Kifowit

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

50 ILCS 705/8.5 new

Amends the Illinois Police Training Act. Provides that in lieu of a training waiver granted by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board under the Act, the chief of police of a law enforcement agency may employ as a permanent or part-time law enforcement officer a person who does not meet the training standards and is not certified as a law enforcement officer under the Act if the chief of police signs an attestation that the applicant for employment as a law enforcement officer has extensive prior law enforcement or corrections experience in another state or with the United States government and has prior to the officer's employment completed a course on Illinois law comparable to the course required for law enforcement officers certified under the Act. Provides that the attestation shall be filed with the Board and the applicant may assume duties as a law enforcement officer immediately upon the chief of police's transmittal of that attestation to the Board. Provides that nothing in this provision prohibits a law enforcement agency from seeking a training waiver under the Act for prospective law enforcement officer applicants who do not meet the training standards of the Act.

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1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Police Training Act is amended by  
5 adding Section 8.5 as follows:

6 (50 ILCS 705/8.5 new)

7 Sec. 8.5. Prior law enforcement experience; attestation by  
8 the chief of police in lieu of waiver from the Board. In lieu  
9 of a training waiver granted by the Board under Section 8.1 or  
10 8.2, the chief of police of a law enforcement agency may employ  
11 as a permanent or part-time law enforcement officer a person  
12 who does not meet the training standards and is not certified  
13 as a law enforcement officer under this Act if the chief of  
14 police signs an attestation that the applicant for employment  
15 as a law enforcement officer has extensive prior law  
16 enforcement or corrections experience in another state or with  
17 the United States government and has prior to the officer's  
18 employment completed a course on Illinois law comparable to  
19 the course required for law enforcement officers certified  
20 under this Act. The attestation shall be filed with the Board  
21 and applicant may assume duties as a law enforcement officer  
22 immediately upon the chief of police's transmittal of that  
23 attestation to the Board. Nothing in this Section prohibits a

1 law enforcement agency from seeking a training waiver under  
2 Section 8.1 or 8.2 for prospective law enforcement officer  
3 applicants who do not met the training standards of this Act.