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Version: As Passed by the Senate

Primary Sponsors: Sens. Reynolds and Roegner

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SUMMARY

- Lowers the minimum age for an original appointment as a police officer from 21 to 18 years old.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Police officer minimum hiring age

The bill lowers the minimum age for a person to be eligible to receive an original appointment as a police officer from 21 years old under current law to 18 years old. Continuing law also requires the person to pass a physical examination to receive the appointment. Continuing law also allows a municipality or civil service township to establish a police cadet program for the purpose of training persons to become police officers. A person participating in such a program may become a police cadet at 18 years old.¹

HISTORY

| Action | Date |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Introduced | 02-08-23 |
| Reported, S. Gov't Oversight | 04-26-23 |
| Passed Senate (25-8) | 05-10-23 |

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¹ R.C. 124.41.