

CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

AB 1627 (Ávila Farías)

As Amended August 26, 2026

Majority vote

SUMMARY

Defines "law enforcement officer," for purposes of an existing provision of law that disqualifies a person from becoming a peace officer if they were employed in law enforcement by any state or the federal government and committed certain misconduct in their prior law enforcement role, to include a law enforcement officer employed in any state or United States territory or by the federal government who engages in immigration enforcement, as defined.

Senate Amendments

Double-joints this bill with AB 1896 (M. Gonzalez) to avoid chaptering issues.

COMMENTS

As Passed by The Assembly, this bill: Defined "law enforcement officer," for purposes of an existing provision of law that disqualifies a person from becoming a peace officer if they were employed in law enforcement by any state or the federal government and committed certain misconduct in their prior law enforcement role, to include a law enforcement officer employed in any state or United States territory or by the federal government who engages in immigration enforcement, as defined.

Major Provisions

- 1) Defined the following terms, for purposes of an existing provision of law that disqualifies, from becoming a peace officer, any person previously employed in law enforcement in any state or by the federal government, whose name is listed in a specified national decertification index or any other database designated by the federal government whose certification as a law enforcement officer in that jurisdiction was revoked for misconduct, or who, while employed as a law enforcement officer, engaged in serious misconduct that would have resulted in their certification being revoked by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) if employed as a peace officer in this state.
 - a) "Employed in law enforcement" and "law enforcement officer" include a law enforcement officer employed in any state or United States territory or by the federal government who engages in immigration enforcement.
 - b) "Immigration enforcement" includes any and all efforts to investigate, enforce, or assist in the investigation or enforcement of any federal civil immigration law, and also includes any and all efforts to investigate, enforce, or assist in the investigation or enforcement of any federal criminal immigration law that penalizes a person's presence in, entry, or reentry to, or employment in, the United States.
- 2) Included a severability clause.

According to the Author

"Beginning in 2025, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers have terrorized California residents, United States citizens and noncitizens alike, through untargeted arrests and brutality based on nothing more than a person's racial appearance, language spoken, their employment, or First Amendment-protected speech.

"The United States Department of Homeland Security has recruited peace officers to ICE with the promise of being unrestrained in the manner in which officers engage with civilians or by the laws of the State of California.

"In the past thirty-five years, state and local law enforcement agencies in California have made great strides in community relations, professionalism and accountability, but that trust is fragile. The public must be assured that California's law enforcement agencies are staffed by trained, professional and moral officers, and not infected by the culture of racism and brutality that currently defines ICE. Californians deserve public servants who respect the Constitution and the rule of law and our kids also deserve to be educated by role models, not individuals tied to fear and intimidation.

"AB 1627, the Misconduct Ends Law-enforcement Trust Act of 2026, would disqualify any person who has been employed by ICE from being employed as a peace officer or public-school teacher in California. AB 1627 makes it clear: masked agents who are willing to break the law, are unfit for positions of authority in California."

Arguments in Support

According to the *California Public Defenders Association*, "AB 1627 clarifies the definitions of law enforcement to ensure that it encompasses officers who engage in immigration enforcement in the Government Code section that lists disqualifications to law enforcement employment due to misconduct. This definitional clarification is important to ensure that individuals engaging in immigration enforcement who committed misconduct do not become employed by any California law enforcement agency.

"Many California public defender offices have immigration attorneys and experts, and line deputy public defenders also consult frequently with immigration attorneys and organizations as part of our holistic defense of our clients. In these capacities, we have frequently witnessed the pervasive abuse, disregard for the rule of law, and systemic dehumanization that have characterized the practices of ICE and Border Patrol in recent years. These agencies have operated with impunity—violating due process, engaging in racial profiling, and weaponizing fear against some of our state's most vulnerable residents. Communities across California continue to bear the scars of these unconstitutional tactics.

"This bill makes a modest and commonsense fix that ensures that ensures that immigration enforcement officers are included in the definition of law enforcement governed by this provision of the Government Code."

Arguments in Opposition

No longer applicable

FISCAL COMMENTS

Unknown. This bill was keyed non-fiscal by the Legislative Counsel.

VOTES:**ASM PUBLIC SAFETY: 6-2-1**

YES: Schultz, Mark González, Haney, Harabedian, Nguyen, Sharp-Collins

NO: Alanis, Lackey

ABS, ABST OR NV: Ramos

ASM APPROPRIATIONS: 10-4-1

YES: Wicks, Aguiar-Curry, Caloza, Fong, Mark González, Krell, Pacheco, Pellerin, Sharp-Collins, Solache

NO: Hoover, Dixon, Ta, Tangipa

ABS, ABST OR NV: Arambula

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 54-17-9

YES: Addis, Aguiar-Curry, Ahrens, Alvarez, Arambula, Ávila Farías, Bains, Bauer-Kahan, Bennett, Berman, Boerner, Bonta, Bryan, Calderon, Caloza, Carrillo, Connolly, Elhawary, Fong, Gabriel, Garcia, Gipson, Mark González, Haney, Harabedian, Hart, Irwin, Jackson, Kalra, Krell, Lee, Lowenthal, McKinnor, Nguyen, Ortega, Papan, Patel, Pellerin, Petrie-Norris, Quirk-Silva, Ransom, Rogers, Blanca Rubio, Schiavo, Schultz, Sharp-Collins, Solache, Soria, Stefani, Valencia, Ward, Wicks, Zbur, Rivas

NO: Alanis, Chen, Davies, DeMaio, Dixon, Ellis, Gallagher, Hadwick, Hoover, Johnson, Lackey, Macedo, Patterson, Sanchez, Ta, Tangipa, Wallis

ABS, ABST OR NV: Castillo, Flora, Jeff Gonzalez, Muratsuchi, Pacheco, Ramos, Celeste Rodriguez, Michelle Rodriguez, Wilson

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