
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
2025 - 2026 Regular Session

AB 1896 (Mark González) - Public employment: disqualifications

Version: June 24, 2026

Policy Vote: PUB. S. 5 - 1, L., P.E. & R. 4
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Urgency: No

Mandate: Yes

Hearing Date: August 13, 2026

Consultant: Bob Franzoia

Bill Summary: AB 1896 would disqualify from being a peace officer a person previously employed by an entity that engaged in immigration enforcement during the period beginning January 20, 2025 and ending January 20, 2029 who personally assisted with immigration enforcement.

***** ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE *****

The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on August 13, 2026

Fiscal Impact: Minor costs to state law enforcement agencies. (special funds, General Fund)

Minor to modest costs to local law enforcement. To the extent this bill would impose additional duties on local law enforcement agencies, this bill would impose a state mandated local program. Costs will depend on whether the duties imposed by this bill constitute a reimbursable state mandate, as determined by the Commission on State Mandates. (General Fund)

Author Amendments:

- Specify that a person is disqualified from being a peace officer, if they were previously employed as a sworn law enforcement officer or individual contractor and personally engaged with immigration enforcement, as defined.
- Authorize a hiring agency to consider news articles, verified social media posts, filings of civil complaints, and other verified sources for relevant background investigations.
- Require the hiring agency to complete the background investigation before the candidate participates in a Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) basic course, as specified.
- Require every applicant seeking appointment as a peace officer or enrollment in a POST basic course to submit to the Department of Justice a declaration submitted under penalty of perjury that states whether the applicant has, at any time been employed as a sworn law enforcement officer or individual contractor that personally assisted with immigration enforcement, as specified.

Committee Amendments: Add Senator Cervantes as a co-author.

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