

LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY[501]

Notice of Intended Action

Proposing rulemaking related to uniform rules on agency procedure and providing an opportunity for public comment

The Iowa Law Enforcement Academy hereby proposes to adopt new Chapter 2504, “Rule Waivers—Modifications to Uniform Rules,” Chapter 2505, “Fair Information Practices—Modifications to Uniform Rules,” and Chapter 2506, “Contested Cases—Modifications to Uniform Rules,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rulemaking

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in 2026 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2463, and Iowa Code chapters 17A, 22, 80B, and 80D.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code chapter 17A.

Purpose and Summary

This proposed rulemaking implements the transition to the statewide Uniform Rules on Agency Procedure as mandated by 2026 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2463. While the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy Council adopts most of the Uniform Rules on Agency Procedure, this proposed rulemaking includes critical additions and exceptions necessary to maintain high professional standards, public trust and public safety.

Pursuant to 2026 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2463, section 5, the Council has determined that the following modifications are necessary to fulfill its statutory responsibilities under Iowa Code chapter 80B and ensure public safety. These modifications include the following:

- **Item 1:** 501—Chapter 2504, Rule Waivers—Modifications to Uniform Rules

Modification: 501—paragraphs 2504.1(1)“a” through “d,” regarding availability of waivers.

This amendment modifies the Uniform Rules on Agency Procedure related to rule waivers (7—Chapter 2504) to ensure that four specific minimum standards for law enforcement officers and reserve officers are not waivable. Iowa Code section 80B.11(1)“a” mandates the minimum age for officers, and the Iowa Appellate Courts have approved the Council’s position that the minimum standards for vision, hearing, and physical fitness are not waivable.

- **Item 2:** 501—Chapter 2505, Fair Information Practices—Modifications to Uniform Rules

Modification: Rules 501—2505.9(22,80B,80D) through 501—2505.12(22,80B,80D), regarding personally identifiable information.

This amendment modifies the Uniform Rules on Agency Procedure related to fair information practices (7—Chapter 2505) to ensure that the Academy complies with the statutory mandate to identify the personally identifiable information collected and maintained by the agency.

- **Item 3:** 501—Chapter 2506, Contested Cases—Modifications to Uniform Rules

Modification: Rule 501—2506.8(17A), regarding telephone proceedings.

This amendment modifies the Uniform Rules on Agency Procedure related to contested cases (7—Chapter 2506) to ensure that licensing hearings for law enforcement officers allow the flexibility for remote testimony. Licensing hearings frequently involve multiple witnesses from a single agency. While the State and local agencies have an interest in cooperating to present their testimony, the agency must balance its need to still fully function as a law enforcement agency in its jurisdiction.

Fiscal Impact

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Council for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 501—Chapter 2504.

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written comments concerning this proposed rulemaking, which must be received by the Council no later than 4:30 p.m. on July 14, 2026. Comments should be directed to:

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Public Hearing

No public hearing is scheduled at this time. As provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b,” an oral presentation regarding this rulemaking may be demanded by 25 interested persons, a governmental subdivision, the Administrative Rules Review Committee, an agency, or an association having 25 or more members.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee’s meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

Emergency Rulemaking Adopted by Reference

This proposed rulemaking is also published herein as an Adopted and Filed Emergency rulemaking (see **ARC 0370D**, IAB 6/24/26). The purpose of this Notice of Intended Action is to solicit public comment on that emergency rulemaking, whose subject matter is hereby adopted by reference.