

South Dakota Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training Commission
Notice of Public Hearing to Adopt Rules

A public hearing will be held at the Mickelson Building in the second-floor large conference room, 1302 E. Highway 14, Pierre, South Dakota, on October 12, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. CT, to consider the adoption of proposed revisions to Administrative Rules of South Dakota numbered

§§ 02:01 and 02:05

The effect of these rule changes is to update and clarify minimum standards, training, and employment regulations for law enforcement officers (§ 02:01) and 911 telecommunicators (§ 02:05). Additionally, the rule changes seek to ensure consistency across all article chapters where overlap exists. The proposed rule changes fix certain statutory references and definitions. The rule changes also include provisions for refusal of school sentinel applications. A new proposed rule expands law enforcement employment eligibility in limited cases, permitting certain technical college students who complete a state-recognized law enforcement program to be potentially eligible for employment prior to reaching age 21.

The reason for adopting the proposed rules is the Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training Commission is required by South Dakota Codified Law to promulgate rules regarding the training (and as appropriate employment) of law enforcement officers, 911 telecommunicators, polygraph examiners, computer voice stress analyzer examiners, and school sentinels. In particular, the proposed rules clarify areas where additional detail is needed to ensure consistent application and support compliance. The proposed expanded law enforcement age eligibility rule is in response to the ongoing law enforcement recruitment and retention crisis in efforts of expanding the pool of potentially qualified applicants.

Persons interested in presenting amendments, data, opinions, and arguments for or against the proposed rules may appear in-person at the hearing, or mail or e-mail them to the Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training Commission, c/o South Dakota Law Enforcement Training, 1302 E. Highway 14, Suite 5, Pierre, SD 57401, ATGHelp@state.sd.us, or by logging onto rules.sd.gov. The deadline to submit any such written comments for consideration by the Commission is 72 hours before the date of the public hearing.

After the written comment period, the Commission will consider all written and oral comments it receives on the proposed rules. The Commission may modify or amend a proposed rule at that time to include or exclude matters that are described in this notice.

For Persons with Disabilities: This hearing will be located at a physically accessible place. Please contact the Commission Executive Secretary (605-773-3584) at least 48 hours before the public hearing if you have special needs for which special arrangements can be made.

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained without charge from:

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