



State of Wisconsin
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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2023 SENATE BILL 78

February 21, 2023 - Introduced by Senators JAMES, TAYLOR and JACQUE, cosponsored by Representatives MACCO, STEFFEN, KITCHENS, ARMSTRONG, BALDEH, BEHNKE, DUCHOW, EDMING, EMERSON, S. JOHNSON, KRUG, MICHALSKI, MURPHY, MURSAU, O'CONNOR, OHNSTAD, ORTIZ-VELEZ, SCHMIDT, SCHRAA and SNYDER. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 66.0501 (1); and *to create* 66.0501 (1) (b) and
2 165.85 (4) (a) 1m. of the statutes; **relating to:** appointment of certain lawfully
3 present aliens as law enforcement officers.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, no person may be appointed as a deputy sheriff of any county or police officer of any city, village, or town unless that person is a citizen of the United States. This bill allows the sheriff of a county or the appointing authority of a local law enforcement agency to elect to authorize the appointment of aliens who are the subject of a notice of decision from the federal Department of Homeland Security (DHS) granting deferred action under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program and who are in receipt of a valid employment authorization from the DHS as deputy sheriffs or police officers. The bill also prevents the law enforcement standards board from preventing such an alien from participating in a law enforcement preparatory training program.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 66.0501 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 66.0501 (1) (a) and
5 amended to read:

