

**Subject** Use of social work titles by county agency employees

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## Overview

This bill prohibits an individual hired by a county agency on or after July 1, 2027, and providing social work services from using titles that include social work or social worker, unless the individual meets certain requirements.

## Summary

Section	Description
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1	<b>City, county, and state social workers.</b>
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Amends § 148E.065, subd. 4a. Under current law, county agency social workers are not required to be licensed as social workers. A new para. (b) provides that an individual hired by a county agency on or after July 1, 2027, and providing social work services cannot use a title that includes “social work” or “social worker” unless the individual:

- holds a baccalaureate degree or graduate degree in social work; or
- is licensed under chapter 148E as a social worker.

Provides this paragraph is not grounds to modify or remove a right or benefit accrued under a collective bargaining agreement ratified before July 1, 2026.

2	<b>Representations.</b>
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Amends § 148E.195, subd. 2a. Requires a county employee to meet the requirements in section 1 of this bill, or hold a social worker license, in order to use a title that includes “social work” or “social worker.”

3	<b>Use of titles.</b>
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Amends § 148E.280. Requires a county employee to meet the requirements in section 1 of this bill, or hold a social worker license, in order to use a title that includes “social work” or “social worker.”



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