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By Representative Schmidt

1 On page 3, after line 29, insert the following:
2 "(5) Prior to the initiation of any action against a law
3 enforcement or corrections agency under this section, the attorney
4 general must exhaust all remedies to assist the law enforcement or
5 corrections agency in achieving compliance and ending the alleged
6 unlawful pattern or practice. Such remedies may include, but are not
7 limited to, legal analysis and legal advice, policy analysis and
8 policy development, assistance in acquiring and implementing
9 accountability systems, funding for training, funding to recruit and
10 hire additional officers, funding to implement community policing
11 models, assistance in achieving accreditation from a state or
12 federally recognized law enforcement or corrections accrediting
13 organization, recommending amendments to collective bargaining
14 agreements, or challenging any arbitration or court ruling or other
15 state requirement that contributed to the alleged unlawful pattern or
16 practice. Insufficient funding to the attorney general's office is not
17 a basis to fail to exhaust remedies required under this subsection."
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EFFECT: Requires the Attorney General, prior to taking any action against a law enforcement or corrections officer pursuant to the underlying bill, to exhaust all remedies to assist the agency in achieving compliance and ending the alleged unlawful pattern or practice. Provides that insufficient funding to the Attorney General's Office is not a basis to fail to exhaust remedies.

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