

HB 1320 -- CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS ON GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTEES

SPONSOR: Lipke

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety by a vote of 13 to 0.

This bill authorizes the State Highway Patrol to conduct background checks on gubernatorial appointees who are subject to Senate confirmation. Information received by the patrol must be kept confidential and cannot be disclosed to anyone except the Governor or members of the Governor's staff as necessary to determine the appointee's qualifications.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2007, FY 2008, and FY 2009.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill gives the State Highway Patrol the statutory authority to conduct background checks on all gubernatorial appointees, as required by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Lipke; and State Highway Patrol.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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