

HCS SCS SB 852 -- PUBLIC SAFETY

SPONSOR: Schmitt (Rhoads)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety by a vote of 10 to 0.

MUTUAL-AID AGREEMENT (Section 44.095, RSMO)

This bill allows the Missouri counties of Platte, Clay, Ray, Jackson and Cass, and the Kansas counties of Johnson, Leavenworth, Miami, and Wyandotte, known as the Mid America Regional Council, to be permitted to respond to critical incidents or in noncritical incidents to any other county in the mutual aid region with lawful reciprocal emergency aid and requires an on-scene incident commander to have the authority to make a request for assistance in a critical incident and to be responsible for on-scene management until command authority is transferred to another person.

The chief executive of the requesting political subdivision or public safety agency, or his or her designee, has authority to make a request for assistance in a noncritical incident. The request must be made to the chief executive of the assisting political subdivision or public safety agency, or his or her designee. In the event that an officer makes an arrest or apprehension outside his or her home state, the offender must be delivered to the first officer who is commissioned in the requesting jurisdiction.

The bill requires qualified immunity to be given to responding members acting in good faith, in an objectively reasonable manner, and consistent with the lawful authority granted to them by the political subdivision's or agency's home state.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS EMPLOYEES (Section 105.935)

The bill allows a Department of Corrections employee classified as a Corrections Officer I or Corrections Officer II who has accrued any overtime hours to use those hours as compensatory leave time if the leave time is available and agreed upon by the employee and his or her supervisor. An employee must have the right to retain up to 80 hours of compensatory time at any time during the year.

CORPORATE SECURITY ADVISORS (Sections 84.340, 571.030, and 590.750)

Currently, the St. Louis Board of Police Commissioners has the authority to regulate corporate security advisors. This bill provides that the Department of Public Safety must have the sole authority to regulate and license corporate security advisors.

The bill provides that the authority and jurisdiction of a corporate security advisor is only limited by the geographical limits of the state unless the advisor's license is recognized by another state or the federal government. Any corporate security advisor licensed as of February 1, 2014, is not required to apply for a new license until his or her license expires or is otherwise revoked.

The bill specifies that acting as a corporate security advisor without a license is a class A misdemeanor.

The Department of Public Safety is granted rulemaking authority to implement the licensing and regulation of corporate security advisors.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill would help corporate security advisors as they need an entity to regulate them.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Schmitt; Maris Corporation; Tim Reagan, Ameren; Allen Moor, Laclede Gas; Monsanto; and Emerson Electric.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.