

HCS HB 645 -- RETIRED PEACE OFFICERS

SPONSOR: Phillips

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety by a vote of 10 to 0. Voted "Do Pass Consent" by the Committee on Consent and House Procedure by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill establishes that any law enforcement agency in the state may supplement its workforce as necessary with qualified retired peace officers when a disaster or emergency has been declared by the Governor or when there is a national emergency, and those officers shall serve as volunteers.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this would help agencies that really need the help during emergency situations, and this would not affect the retired officers' retirement in any way, since they would serve as volunteers.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Phillips.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.