

HCS HB 1255 -- LAW ENFORCEMENT TERRORIST PREVENTION

SPONSOR: Hicks

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Special Committee on Homeland Security by a vote of 5 to 0.

This bill establishes within the Department of Public Safety a "Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activity Commission," consisting of 18 sheriffs and 18 chiefs of police representing the nine regions of the state. The commission shall make recommendations on spending the discretionary portion of grants the state receives from the United States Department of Homeland Security.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this commission would significantly improve coordination and preparedness activities across the state for potential security events.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Hicks; Kevin Merritt, Missouri Sheriffs Association; and Missouri Police Chiefs Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.