

HCS HB 2209 -- STATE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

SPONSOR: Schnelting

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Special Committee on Homeland Security by a vote of 6 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 6 to 3.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 2209.

Beginning December 31, 2020, this bill creates a "Department of Defense" and transfers the powers, duties, and functions vested in the Office of Adjutant General, the state militia, and the Office of the State Judge Advocate from the Department of Public Safety, via Type I transfer.

This bill has an effective date contingent upon the passage and approval by the voters of an amendment to the Constitution creating a Department of Defense.

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this is the bill that supports the creation of the Department of Defense--the vehicle to actually move the department.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Schnelting.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.