

HCS SB 932 -- LAW ENFORCEMENT

SPONSOR: Loudon (Grisamore)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety by a vote of 9 to 0.

Currently, peace officers who make traffic stops are required to receive annual training concerning the prohibition of race profiling. This substitute changes the training requirement to three hours within the law enforcement continuing education three-year reporting period.

Beginning with Fiscal Year 2010, the General Assembly is required to appropriate \$3 million annually into the newly created Cyber Crime Investigation Fund to be used by the Department of Public Safety to administer grants to law enforcement agencies investigating Internet sex crimes against children and for the training of prosecuting and circuit attorneys and assistant prosecuting and circuit attorneys.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Cost on General Revenue Fund of \$0 in FY 2009, \$1,500,000 in FY 2010, and \$1,500,000 in FY 2011. No impact on Other State Funds in FY 2009, FY 2010, and FY 2011.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that increasing the funding to help local law enforcement agencies will expand their current programs aimed at protecting children and more arrests will result in children being safer.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Loudon; Andy Anderson, Mid-Missouri Internet Crimes Task Force; and Missouri Police Chiefs' Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say while additional funding is certainly welcomed, the current funding isn't adequate to maintain the current program.

Testifying on the bill was Missouri Sheriffs Association.