

SCS SB 224 -- KANSAS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

SPONSOR: Curls (Rizzo)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety by a vote of 14 to 1.

This substitute increases the maximum salary that may be paid to the chief of police and officers of the Kansas City Police Department as specified in the substitute and repeals the provision specifying that an action taken by the Kansas City Board of Police Commissioners in suspending, removing, or demoting the chief of police is not subject to review by any court.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill does not mandate a pay increase but merely allows the Kansas City Police Department to be more competitive in its salaries by raising the ceiling for certain positions on the police force.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Rizzo on behalf of Senator Curls; and Kansas City Police Board.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.