

HCS HB 982 -- CAPITOL POLICE

SPONSOR: Hicks

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Special Committee on Homeland Security by a vote of 6 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 5 to 1.

This bill moves the Missouri Capitol Police from the Department of Public Safety to the Missouri State Capitol Commission and gives the Capitol Commission the authority to employ staff and contract services to fulfill the responsibilities given.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this reorganization is needed to provide optimal safety for the capitol and create better "community policing" for the building and surrounding area.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Hicks.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying say that the Chief Clerk, the Representative, the Speaker of the House, staff, and all other stakeholders have worked to make this a positive change for all.

Testifying on the bill was Dana Rademan Miller, Missouri House of Representatives.