

HB 3145 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 04/06/21

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.
(Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 10-0-0-0

Yeas: 10 - Bynum, Dexter, Helm, Kropf, Lewis, Morgan, Noble, Power, Wallan, Wilde

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/22, 2/24, 3/8, 3/15, 3/17, 3/22, 3/31, 4/5, 4/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires report to Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) within 10 days of discipline that imposes economic sanctions on police officer becomes final. Requires report to include name and rank of officer disciplined, names of unit employing the officer, and a description of the facts underlying the discipline imposed, including a copy of any final decision. Requires DPSST to post information to existing database on suspensions and revocations within 10 days of receipt.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Definition of economic sanctions
- Determination of types of discipline and level of severity of conduct that should be made publicly available
- Goal to increase transparency and accountability

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 4207 of the first Special Session of 2020 required the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) to publish information in an accessible online database as to suspension or revocation of an officer's certification and required law enforcement agencies to request the personnel file of any officer it might hire before extending an offer of employment to that officer.

House Bill 3145 A requires additional information be added to the database when discipline that carries an economic sanction is imposed on a law enforcement officer and becomes final. The report from law enforcement to DPSST must include the names and rank of the officer disciplined, the name of the unit employing the officer, and a description of the facts underlying the discipline imposed, including a copy of the final decision. DPSST must then publish that information within 10 days of receipt.