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Committee approves police fund transfers for equipment purchasing
Second Arnold bill approved to suspend driver's license for fleeing police

INDIANAPOLIS – The Senate Local Government committee voted 11 to 0 last night to approve Senate Bill (SB) 281 authored by State Senator Jim Arnold (D-LaPorte) that would allow local law enforcement agencies to use existing funds to purchase body armor, electronics, and other needed equipment.

“This bill makes technical changes to enable law enforcement agencies to purchase life-saving body armor with funds already available to them,” said Arnold. “It would also allow departments to use funds to purchase cameras and other technologies in order to better carry out their duties.”

SB 281 would allow law enforcement agencies to use money from the Firearms Training Fund to purchase body armor, and money from the Law Enforcement Continuing Education Fund to purchase software, electronics, cameras, and other technology for the department.

Earlier this week, the Senate Corrections, Criminal, and Civil Matters committee voted unanimously to approve SB 265. The proposal would establish driver's license suspension limits of one year for a person who flees police and is convicted of resisting law enforcement while using a vehicle. The bill would also establish license suspension limits of two years for second time offenders. Under this legislation, the suspension would begin after a person is convicted or released from incarceration.

“These enhanced penalties are intended to promote the safety of Indiana police officers while also attempting to deter the resistance of law enforcement with a motor vehicle,” said Arnold.

Both bills are now eligible for consideration by the full Senate.

For more information on Senator Arnold, his legislative agenda or other State Senate business call 1-800-382-9467 or visit www.senatedemocrats.in.gov.

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