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**Arnold measures to increase safety for law enforcement officers,
transportation to be sent to governor**

Sentencing policy committee also approved by Senate, awaiting action by the House

INDIANAPOLIS – The Senate voted unanimously yesterday to send Senate Bill (SB) 186 authored by State Senator Jim Arnold (D-LaPorte), to the governor for his signature into law or veto.

The bill would increase the regulation of transporting radioactive materials within the state. It would require a permit from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security for the transportation of radioactive material in Indiana. Any permit issued under this proposal would also carry an expiration date and levy a fee based on the amount of material being transported by truck or train.

The Indiana State Police, including motor carrier inspectors, rail safety inspectors and other eligible law enforcement officers would be permitted to conduct vehicle inspections to enforce the new law. Vehicles found in violation could be seized, detained or impounded. Any illegal transportation of radioactive material would also be considered a class B infraction.

A House of Representatives amendment removed language from the original bill that required the shipper to inform the Indiana Department of Homeland Security of additional details, including the amount of the material being transported, the route and means of transportation and schedule.

The Senate also voted unanimously Monday to send SB 281 authored by Sen. Arnold to the governor for his signature or veto. The bill would allow local law enforcement agencies to use money from the agency's Firearms Training Fund to purchase body armor.

A House amendment removed language that would have allowed local law enforcement agencies to use funds from the Law Enforcement Continuing Education Fund to purchase software, electronics, cameras, and other technology for the department.

Sen. Arnold also coauthored SB 224 that would require the sentencing study policy committee to make recommendations regarding the dissemination of sexually explicit material over the internet, with a cellular phone or a similar device. The bill was unanimously approved by the Senate today, but the House of Representatives must vote on the bill before March 14th before it can be sent to the governor for final action.

The study committee was the result of a conference committee for the "sexting" legislation that would have made it a delinquent act for a child to create, transmit or possess a photograph or video that shows a minor in the state of nudity. SB 224 also allows a school corporation to offer classes or instruction regarding the risks and consequences of creating and sharing sexually explicit material.

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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