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Errington sponsored legislation approved in committee

Bill would extend reinstatement rights of laid off public safety officials

INDIANAPOLIS- Today the Senate Committee on Pensions and Labor approved legislation that would extend the reinstatement rights of laid off police officers and firefighters from three to five years. Individuals with reinstatement rights can be noncompetitively placed in positions at grades equal to or lower than the grade they previously held. House Bill (HB) 1194, sponsored by State Senator Sue Errington (D-Muncie), was approved by a vote of 11 to 0.

The bill would allow more laid off public safety officials to be rehired in the future, which would reduce expenses for local governments by avoiding costs associated with training and certification.

“This will allow local agencies the opportunity to rehire those workers when the economy rebounds,” said Errington. “Many police officers and firefighters have already been laid off over a year, so three years is not enough during a recession like this.”

The bill is supported by the Professional Firefighters Union of Indiana, the Indiana State Fraternal Order of Police and the Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police.

The bill now moves for consideration by the full State Senate.

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