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Police and firefighters could be rehired more quickly under Errington bill

Bill passes unanimously in the State Senate

INDIANAPOLIS- Today the Indiana State Senate 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 48 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.

“When the economy rebounds, I hope we can rehire any police officers and firefighters who have been laid off due to budget cuts,” said Errington. “This will allow them to be rehired sooner, and without the cost of training and certification.”

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 goes to the governor for his consideration.

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