

S.273 (Vetoed). Public safety; law enforcement; miscellaneous

This bill would have addressed miscellaneous law enforcement issues. Substantive provisions would have included:

- *Training.* Allowing Vermont Police Academy employees who maintain law enforcement officer certification to be law enforcement officers pursuant to their Academy employment; amending the membership of the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council; and requiring the Council to offer law enforcement officer courses in multiple regions of the State and to have a plan to allow Level II certified officers to transition to Level III certification without needing to restart the certification process (Secs. 2-7).
- *Coverage.* Requiring the Department of Public Safety to determine and report on the number of calls the Vermont State Police received in Fiscal Year 2018 from towns without a police department (Sec. 8a).
- *State Retirement; Group C.* Establishing a study committee to evaluate and make recommendations regarding membership in Group C of the Vermont State Retirement System, which is mainly reserved for law enforcement officers and which requires mandatory retirement at age 55 (Sec. 9).
- *Law Enforcement Advisory Board (LEAB).* Amending the membership of the LEAB and requiring the LEAB to make specific recommendations in its 2019 annual report regarding town access to law enforcement services and how law enforcement agencies can improve uniformity in entering crime data that the agencies submit to the Vermont Crime Information Center (Secs. 11 and 13).
- *Dispatch.* Requiring the Department of Public Safety and the Vermont Enhanced 911 Board to consult with the Vermont League of Cities and Towns as an equal partner in order propose a plan that would result in a comprehensive, efficient, and equitably funded public safety dispatch system to dispatch law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services statewide (Sec. 14).

Vetoed by the Governor: May 30, 2018

Effective Date: Not applicable