

SB 203 -- ADMINISTRATIVE SUBPOENAS

SPONSOR: Bartle (Byrd)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 18 to 0.

This bill allows a party to a contested case with a state agency to apply to a court for enforcement of a subpoena. Current law allows only the agency to seek court enforcement. The bill also allows the agency or any party to intervene in an enforcement action.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds.

PROponents: Supporters say that the bill removes an apparent conflict and the appearance of partiality.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Bartle; and Representative Stevenson.

OPponents: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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