

SCS SB 952 -- KANSAS CITY POLICE OFFICERS

SPONSOR: Wheeler (Johnson, 47)

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

This substitute creates two new classifications and salary ranges for master police officers and master detectives and adds investigators to the salary range designated for detectives and police officers.

The substitute allows the Kansas City Board of Police Commissioners to offer incentive pay of no more than 10% of the base salary earned by police officers of any rank to those who are assigned duties which are unusually demanding and require an extraordinary degree of skill. Currently, the board can offer no more than 5%.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2005, FY 2006, and FY 2007.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will make it more favorable for career police officers to choose to stay on the streets.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Wheeler; Kansas City Police Department; Kansas City Police Officers Association; Fraternal Order of Police, Missouri Lodge #99; and City of Kansas City.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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