

HB 238 -- CORRECTIONS OFFICER COMPENSATION

SPONSOR: Black

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Corrections by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill specifies that beginning on January 1, 2016, in addition to their regular pay, all corrections custody officers must receive \$75 per month for hazardous duty compensation.

Beginning January 1, 2017, the amount is increased to \$150 per month.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that our corrections officers are some of the lowest paid in the country and by giving them hazard pay would give some consideration of the risk that they take every time they go to work. The issue of turnover also needs to be addressed because approximately 20% of corrections officers I quit. This costs the state a tremendous amount of money in training.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Black; Missouri Corrections Officers Assn.; and MO/KS State Council, Service Employees' International Union.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.