

HB 1194 -- LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

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This bill requires municipalities to coordinate with local law enforcement agencies to hold an annual meet your officer day. The event must be held at a park or in a building that can accommodate at least 100 individuals. The officers may report time spent at the event as training for the purposes of maintaining his or her peace officer license.

The bill adds law enforcement agencies into the list of employers who may truly state for what cause, if any, a former employee was discharged or voluntarily quit.

Currently, peace officers are required to report at least three hours of racial profiling training in addition to the 48 hours of required law enforcement continuing education training. The bill modifies the racial profiling training provisions to allow the three hours to be included in the 48 hours of required law enforcement continuing education training.

The bill requires an automatic suspension of an officer's peace officer license, pending an investigation, if the officer was dismissed or voluntarily resigned from more than one law enforcement agency within the same calendar year, excluding a law enforcement agency which submits a letter to the director stating the officer left with a good merit status.

The bill requires a log to be maintained by the Department of Public Safety that includes officers who have been terminated or resigned from any law enforcement agency in Missouri.

The bill repeals racial profiling reporting.