

HB 1401 -- COMMUNITY COLLEGE POLICE OFFICERS

SPONSOR: Conway (104)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness by a vote of 12 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on State and Local Government by a vote of 9 to 0.

Currently, the board of regents or board of governors of any state college or university may establish regulations to control vehicular traffic on any thoroughfare owned or maintained by the state college or university. This bill allows the board of trustees of any community college to establish regulations to control vehicular traffic on any thoroughfare owned or maintained by the community college.

The bill specifies that college police officers also must have authority to establish and enforce regulations to control vehicular traffic and enforce general motor vehicle laws of this state on any thoroughfare owned or maintained by the college district.

This bill is the same as HB 210 (2015).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill gives community college officers the same freedoms to regulate their thoroughfares as other officers have.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Conway.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.