

HCS HB 1638 -- POST COMMISSION

SPONSOR: Toalson Reisch

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

This bill requires the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Commission to establish a point conversion system to award basic training credit to reserve or active duty members of the Armed Forces or National Guard who complete military basic training hours, including advanced individual training at the United States Army Military Police School. The POST Commission's authority and duties regarding this system are specified in the bill.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that many communities across the state are facing a shortage of law enforcement officers and former military police are good candidates to fill those vacancies. However, there are about 30 hours of POST course work that military police will need to complete to be eligible to take the POST certification exam. This bill would expedite the process of receiving the additional course work for former military police.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Toalson Reisch; Phillip Bacon; Pat Rowe Kerr; Tom Goodin, Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations (MAVO); and Scott Miller, Missouri National Guard.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.