



Legislative News

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We will comment as to whether a bill is law enforcement friendly and suggest that you call your local representatives and encourage him or her to assist passage or to kill a bill in whatever house it may appear (House or Senate). **It is important that you become involved in these matters. Your approval or rejection of any bill should be made known to your representative.**

House Bill 5152

The Personnel Record Review Act Bill was introduced on January 28, 2010, in the House by State Representative Linda Chapa LaVia. The bill is designed to deny the disclosure of performance evaluations of state workers under the Freedom of Information Act.

A short synopsis as it was introduced: Amends the Personnel Recorded Review Act that disclosure of performance evaluations under the Act is prohibited.

This bill after the third reading passed both the house and the senate on April 29, 2010. The bill was sent to the Governor on May 28, 2010 for his approval. However, on July 26 the Governor utilized a Governor Amendatory Veto with the following amendatory veto message attached: Recommends that the performance evaluations of only state and local peace officers (instead of all personnel) be prohibited from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

This is a good bill for Law Enforcement, either in its original form or the Governor's Amendatory Veto. However, we wish the Governor would have allowed its passage in its original form to protect all state employees.