

Secretary: Vote explanation. Sen Boquist.

“HB 4207A supposedly creates a database on police officer discipline at DPSST. The bill is not required as the database already exists online with DPSST. Any citizen can already get this online. DPSST showed me how to access this information online. Further, a news reporter confirmed to me the public can already request copies of disciplinary files. This is another phony establishment supermajority political placation to citizens and protesters who are demanding real police accountability. Worse, the bill provides civil lawsuit immunity to police departments who the old personnel files of a new hire even if they see disciplinary problems. Thus a police department could hire an known abuser but be held harmless from civil liability. This may not have been the intent but it is the word of the law as passed. Section 6 portions of the bill simply codify existing state polices. The bill reforms nothing. It makes accountability worse not better. Requested unanimous consent to cast a vote. Voted No.”