

Secretary: Vote explanation. Sen Boquist.

“HB 4205A is a very poor step in the right direction for peace officers to intervene in the wrongful actions of another peace officer. The first exemption regarding safety of the intervener neuters the bill. The bill uses “reasonably should know” as a standard for recognizing misconduct which is a failure. A first grader could claim he or she did not know. Then no requirement exists for a police supervisor to take action if advised of wrongful conduct under the bill. Then the bill only requires annual reports from BPSST which is ridiculous. We are in an emergency, yet, we ask for only a yearly report on police misconduct. Rhetoric by the Carrier on this issue does not change the word of the new law. Again, like other phony police reform bills, due to the result of political pressure to the supermajority, The Speaker and President added placating language instead of providing true reforms rightfully demanded by citizens. It is a marginal step in the right direction. Marginal. Voted Yes.”