

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
Senate Bill No. 294 By Senator Morrell

June 2, 2014

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate and to the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning Senate Bill No. 294 by Senator Morrell, recommend the following concerning the Engrossed bill:

1. That the set of House Committee Amendments proposed by House Committee on Judiciary and adopted by the House of Representatives on May 28, 2014, be rejected.
2. That the following amendments be adopted to the engrossed bill:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, after "officers" insert a semicolon ";" and "to provide for rights"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 13, change "formal ~~and written~~" to "formal, and written"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, delete lines 18 and 19, and insert "complaint. ~~Further, nothing~~ **Nothing** in this Paragraph shall limit any investigation of alleged criminal activity."

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, after line 20, insert the following:

" Section 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any law enforcement officer who participated in the program repealed by Act No. 480 of the 2009 Regular Session and who continued in employment after participation in the program through July 1, 2014, without a break in service, shall upon retirement be paid a monthly salary that includes a longevity benefit, funded from the June 30, 2014, balance in the account created in R.S. 11:1332, which, together with the lump sum in his program account on his retirement date, is actuarially equivalent to the monthly benefit calculated as though he had not participated in the program.

Section 3. The provisions of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2014; if vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2014, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later."

Respectfully submitted,

Senators:

Representatives:

Senator Jean-Paul J. Morrell

Representative Jeffery "Jeff" J. Arnold

Senator Neil Riser

Representative Walt Leger III

Senator Mike Walsworth

Representative Bryan Adams

The legislative instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by LG Sullivan.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

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Keyword and summary of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

LAW ENFORCEMENT. Provides relative to rights of law enforcement officers. (July 1, 2014.)

Report rejects House amendments which would have:

1. Restored provision that the complaint procedure does not limit any investigation of alleged criminal activity.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Restore requirement that the complaint shall be in writing
2. Restore specification that nothing in present law limits any criminal investigation.
3. Provide for a longevity benefit under certain circumstances.
4. Provide an effective date of July 1, 2014.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present law provides for minimum standards which apply while certain law enforcement officers and police employees are under administrative investigation.

Present law requires the superintendent of state police or the chief of police or his authorized representative to initiate an investigation when a formal and written complaint is made against any police employee or law enforcement officer.

Proposed law makes technical corrections.

Proposed law provides a longevity benefit for certain law enforcement officers.

Effective July 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 40:2531(B)(7))