



MCOLES

Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards

Commission Resolution 2017-11
Opposition to 2017 Senate Bill 594

WHEREAS, the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards is authorized under MCL 28.611(1)(e) to make recommendations to the Legislature on matters pertaining to qualifications and training of law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is required by Executive Order 2001-5 to perform its statutory functions in a manner that ensures professionalism in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is required by Executive Directive 2016-2 to perform its statutory functions in a manner that engenders public trust in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, 2017 Senate Bill 594 would create “Special Law Enforcement Agencies” employing “Special Law Enforcement Officers” vested with law enforcement authority; and

WHEREAS, if Special Law Enforcement Agencies and Special Law Enforcement Officers are deemed not to be within the Commission’s regulatory purview, they would be allowed to supplant county, city, township, and village law enforcement agencies and officers without meeting MCOLES training and licensing standards; and

WHEREAS, if Special Law Enforcement Agencies and Special Law Enforcement Officers are deemed to be within the Commission’s regulatory purview, the Commission will endure substantial administrative burdens and publicly funded expense ensuring their compliance with MCOLES training and licensing and standards; and

WHEREAS, proliferation of Special Law Enforcement Agencies and Special Law Enforcement Officers would adversely affect the quality and accountability of law enforcement in Michigan; therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Commission opposes enactment of 2017 Senate Bill 594.

Adopted by the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards on November 1, 2017



Michael Wendling, Chair