

LEGISLATIVE ALERT #2 – FEBRUARY 13, 2006

*	Bill#	Author	Title and/or Summary	Status	GACP Comments
*	HB 101	Representative Tyrone Brooks	Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund; would allow those employed in the law enforcement community prior to July 1976, to buy back POAB time.	Senate Retirement Committee	GACP endorsed bill introduced last year.
	HB 917	Representative Mark Burkhalter	Speed detection devices; certain prohibited uses; amend provisions.	House Judiciary Committee – non-criminal	Among other things, eliminates grade of 7% from school zone speed violations.
*	HB 953	Representative Jill Chambers	Changing definition of Law Enforcement officers.	House Appropriations Committee	Good bill. Would allow police from "agencies" to be considered for indemnification fund. Problem – appropriations study needed.
*	HB 968	Representative John Heard	Custody; crimes of interference with; change provisions	House Judiciary Committee – placed in sub committee for study	A problem bill. A department could be fined up to \$1000 if an officer fails to make his/her required notifications. Expect a change. Substitute bill removes above, but still a poor bill.
**	HB 973	Representative Wendell Willard	Speed detection devices; law enforcement officers; change provisions.	Senate Public Safety Committee	Quick moving bill. Very similar to HB 917.
*	HB 1001	Representative Burke Day	Concealed weapon; transportation of; offense; change provisions	House Public Safety Committee	Very controversial bill. If released from the committee, it may have a hard time passing.

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**	HB 1019	Representative Burke Day	"Taser Certification Act"; create	Passed House – referred to Senate	Mandates taser training by person authorized by their departments to carry such a weapon. State must have money for development of training before bill takes effect.
**	HB 1059	Representative Jerry Keen	Sexual offenders; punishment; registration requirements; change provisions	Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee	Hefty minimum prison sentence; some offenders to wear monitoring devices for life. Controversial because of prison space, etc.
*	HB 1093	Representative Melvin Everson	Arresting officers; non-traffic misdemeanor citation; provisions	House Judiciary Committee	Cross Reference SB 421. Would allow for a citation in lieu of a physical arrest on minor crimes. Extensive conversation on this bill has occurred and will continue.
*	HB 1222	Representative Mark Hatfield	Motor Vehicles; operating while under the influence; comprehensive revision; modernization; reform laws of state.	House Judiciary Committee	Cross Reference SB 502 Very important bill which overhauls the implied consent statutes.
*	SB 64	Senator John Douglas	Permitting blue lights inside police vehicles (slick-top-cars).	Senate Rules Committee	Several modifications include - must have an agency identifier in light bar - only sold to law enforcement - lights must conform with State Patrol specifications - driver may stop at a safe location

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*	SB 372	Senator Chip Rogers	Penal Institutions; sexual offenders registration/ residential requirements; change provisions; change/add definitions	Senate Judiciary Committee	Parallels HB 1059; this will more than likely not move since several other Senate bills have same language.
*	SB 377	Senator Judson Hill	Sexual Offenders; registration/residential requirements; criminal procedure; change punishment provisions.	Senate Judiciary Committee	Parallels HB 1059; this will more than likely not move since several other Senate bills have same language.
*	SB 378	Senator John Wiles	Registered Sex Offenders; areas where minors congregate; change distance requirements.	Senate Judiciary Committee	Parallels HB 1059; this will more than likely not move since several other Senate bills have same language.
*	SB 381	Senator Seth Harp	State Flags; qualifying public safety officers killed in the line of duty; honor service.	Senate Rules Committee	Deceased public safety officer must have at least 10 years of service. Family would be entitled to a State Flag.
*	SB 396	Senator Greg Goggans	Crimes; person who is attacked has no duty to retreat; provide immunity from prosecution.	Senate Rules Committee	House version is a little better, but neither allow for the D.A. to bring issue before the Grand Jury or to be prosecuted.
*	SB 400	Senator Ross Tolleson	Motor Vehicles; law enforcement agencies; use of properly equipped all-terrain vehicles.	Senate Rules Committee	Reasonable; bill may go all the way

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*	SB 421	Senator Renee Unterman	Criminal Procedure; non-traffic misdemeanor citation; provide conditions for issuance.	Senate Judiciary Committee	Cross Reference HB 1093. (See comments for HB 1093)
*	SB 428	Senator Nancy Schaefer	Controlled Substances; distribution in, on, or within real property on which a church is located; prohibited; penalties	Senate Special Judiciary Committee	Bill speaks for itself.
*	SB 488	Senator Don Balfour	Traffic Offenses; person convicted of driving under the influence with a minor; county/district department of family/children service shall be notified.	Pending committee assignment	Bill speaks for itself.
*	SB 502	Senator William Hamrick	Motor Vehicles; operating while under the influence; comprehensive revision; modernization; reform laws of state.	Senate Public Safety & Homeland Security Committee	Cross Reference HB 1222. Very important bill which overhauls the implied consent statutes.