

Committee on Criminal Justice

CS/CS/CS/HB 41 — Florida Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of Fame

by Judiciary Committee; Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; and Reps. Campbell, Kerner, and others (SB 1234 by Senator Bullard)

The bill establishes the Florida Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of Fame. The Department of Management Services shall set aside an appropriate public area for the Hall of Fame on the Plaza Level of the Capitol Building and consult with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) in developing the design and theme of the area.

The FDLE shall annually accept recommendations of potential nominees for induction from the Florida Police Chiefs Association, the Florida Sheriffs Association, the Florida Police Benevolent Association, the Fraternal Order of Police, and the State Law Enforcement Chiefs' Association. Each association may submit up to three nominations annually. The FDLE shall transmit a list of not more than ten nominees to the Governor and Cabinet, who will select up to five nominees for induction. In providing recommendations to the Governor and Cabinet, the FDLE must give preference to law enforcement officers who were born in Florida or adopted Florida as their home state.

The FDLE may establish criteria and set specific time periods for accepting and selecting nominees. The FDLE shall adopt rules to implement the requirements of the bill.

The bill provides an appropriation of \$63,142 in recurring general revenue funds to the FDLE for the purpose of implementing the bill.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect October 1, 2014.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 117-1