

SB 502 — Special Investigators

by Senator Aronberg

The bill amends s. 27.251, F.S., to provide that the state attorney of each judicial circuit may employ any municipal or county police officer or sheriff's deputy as an investigator for the state attorney's office. The bill eliminates a requirement that the investigator be employed on a full-time basis.

The investigator serves on a special task force to investigate matters involving criminal activity the detection of which might benefit from a special task force. The bill does not change statutory requirements that the salary of the officer or deputy must be paid by the city, county, or sheriff by which the investigator is principally employed, and with the consent of this principal employer; and that arrest powers granted in this section must be exercised only in the furtherance of the conduct of the business of the special task force to which the officer or deputy is assigned by the state attorney.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2010.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 119-0