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2025 SENATE BILL 227

April 29, 2025 - Introduced by Senators JAMES, WANGGAARD, JACQUE, CABRAL-GUEVARA and MARKLEIN, cosponsored by Representatives GOEBEN, DUCHOW, O'CONNOR, ARMSTRONG, B. JACOBSON, DITTRICH, BRILL, BROOKS, CALLAHAN, KAUFERT, PIWOWARCZYK, BEHNKE and PENTERMAN. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

AN ACT ***to repeal*** 164.05 of the statutes; **relating to:** the law enforcement officers' bill of rights.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law contains a law enforcement officers' bill of rights that protects certain law enforcement officers' rights relating to their engagement or lack of engagement in political activity, the manner in which they may be subject to interrogation, and their candidacy for public office and provides that a law enforcement officer may not be discharged; disciplined; demoted or denied promotion, transfer, or reassignment; or otherwise discriminated against in regard to employment for exercising such rights. Under current law, this bill of rights applies only to law enforcement officers employed by a city, village, town, or county. This bill applies the law enforcement officers' bill of rights to any person employed by the state or by a city, village, town, or county for the purpose of detecting and preventing crime and enforcing laws or ordinances, who is authorized to make arrests for violations of the laws or ordinances that he or she is employed to enforce.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 164.05 of the statutes is repealed.

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