

**Senate Executive Departments and Administration
Committee**
Kevin Condict 271-7875

HB 777, codifying the law enforcement accreditation commission.

Hearing Date: April 9, 2025

Time Opened: 11:21 a.m.

Time Closed: 11:23 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Pearl, McGough, Altschiller and Reardon

Members of the Committee Absent : Senator Gannon

Bill Analysis: This bill codifies the law enforcement accreditation commission that was established by executive order.

This bill is a request of the police standards and training council, the law enforcement accreditation commission, and the office of the attorney general.

Sponsors:

Rep. Roy

Rep. D. Mannion

Rep. Tenczar

Sen. Birdsell

Who supports the bill: John Scippa (NHPST), and Daniel Richardson.

Who opposes the bill: Sarahlynn Williams.

Who is neutral on the bill: None.

Summary of testimony presented:

Representative Carol McGuire, Merrimack 27

- Rep. McGuire introduced House Bill 777 on behalf of the prime sponsor.

John Scippa, New Hampshire Police Standards and Training

- Mr. Scippa said this bill is an attempt to codify the Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission that was established through an executive order issued by Governor Sununu.

- Mr. Scippa said the Commission was created to help police agencies voluntarily enter a program to work toward recognition of best practices. He explained that there are about two hundred and twenty police agencies in New Hampshire and about fifty of those are enrolled in the program.
- Mr. Scippa said that the Derry and Bow Police Departments have received accreditation through this process.
- Sen. Altschiller asked the Commission would sunset if this bill did not pass.
 - o Mr. Scippa replied that he is not sure they can continue with the executive order. He believed that the executive order might have been canceled.

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