

FOP survey shows overwhelming opposition to law enforcement legislation awaiting Governor's signature

The Illinois Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) State Lodge released the results of a member survey taken last month regarding the ramifications of House Bill 3653

CHICAGO, IL, USA, February 17, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Illinois Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) State Lodge has released the results of a member survey taken last month regarding the ramifications of House Bill 3653, the so-called police reform

legislation that passed the Illinois General Assembly during the January Lame Duck Session.



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*Illinois Fraternal Order of Police State Lodge President
Chris Southwood*

The survey shows that those in law enforcement overwhelmingly oppose the provisions of the legislation and feel it will have a large negative impact on both the profession and the citizens that officers serve and protect.

“The survey results are no surprise because it's clear to anyone who reads the bill that law enforcement was not involved in drawing up its final provisions,” said Illinois FOP State Lodge President Chris Southwood. “The legislation prevents officers from taking immediate, potentially life-saving action in critical situations. Its no cash bail provision makes it difficult to keep people locked up who may be a

further threat to their victims, and it places numerous mandates on police agencies with no funding source for local communities.”

A total of 1,500 FOP members, all of them active law enforcement officers, responded to the survey that sought their opinions on the 700-plus page legislation that will soon be sent to Governor J.B. Pritzker for his signature. The FOP is strongly urging the Governor to veto the bill.

The survey results include:

83 percent anticipate that law enforcement officers' ability to respond will be diminished as a result of the legislation.

99 percent feel the legislation will embolden criminals.

88 percent think the "no cash bail" provision will adversely impact crime victims in their jurisdictions.

97 percent feel physically or financially threatened by the provisions of the legislation.

66 percent are considering retirement or early retirement because of the legislation.

46 percent indicate they are actively looking to move out of state for other work, and of those 46 percent, four out of ten respondents believe they will be leaving law enforcement entirely.

97 percent indicated the legislation will affect the way they, their families and friends will vote in future elections.

These survey results are in addition to the estimated 120,000 petition signatures in opposition to the legislation that were collected prior to the bill's passage in January.

"Illinois will be a much more inviting atmosphere for criminals and a much more dangerous



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place for law-abiding citizens if this bill becomes law,” Southwood said. “We urge the Governor to do what this bill's sponsors did not – truly listen to those who are on the front lines every day protecting the public, and veto this legislation.”

The Fraternal Order of Police, founded in 1915, is the largest organization of sworn law enforcement officers in the United States. With a proud tradition of officers representing officers, the FOP is the most respected and most recognized police organization in the country. The Illinois FOP, chartered in 1963, is the second largest State Lodge, proudly representing more than 34,000 active duty and retired police officers - more than 10 percent of all FOP members nationwide. Visit www.ilfop.org for more information.

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