

CALL TO ACTION

House Bill (HB) 1227 and Senate Bill (SB) 514 have both been placed on their respective Chamber Calendars. Procedurally, this means that very soon, one of the Bills will be scheduled to be heard by the entire House or Senate. Hundreds of letters, emails and phone calls need to be put into motion ASAP to the Speaker and the Senate President, as well as to everyone's personal House and Senate member in opposition to the Bills.

If passed, HB1227 and SB514 will permit law enforcement officers to simply take the state exam, be exempt from paying the testing fees and be exempt from any hands-on training. If the law enforcement officer does not pass the state exam, only at that time will he/she have to take a 40-hour bridge training. This bridge includes 20 hours of classroom and 20 hours of hands on equipment training. The passage of this bill will allow law enforcement officers who have not been trained to properly use 911 and radio equipment to handle calls and dispatch in the state's communications centers.

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Please help if you can by writing and/or calling your legislator and encouraging a NO vote on these bills. You may use the sample letter below. For your information, you can find your Representative [here](#) and your Senator [here](#).

The Speaker of the House is:

The Honorable Dean Cannon, Speaker
Florida House of Representatives
420 The Capitol
402 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300
[email](#)

The Senate President is:

The Honorable Mike Haridopolos, President

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District Offices:

3270 Suntree Boulevard

Suite 122

Melbourne, FL 32940

(321) 752-3131

Senate VOIP: 42600

305 Senate Office Building

404 South Monroe Street

Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

(850) 487-5628

Senate VOIP: 42610

Tallahassee Office:

409 The Capitol

The President's Office

404 South Monroe Street

Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

(850) 487-5056

Senate VOIP: 5056

SAMPLE LETTER TO YOUR LEGISLATOR

Your Name

Address

City, FL. Zip Code

[Insert Date]

The Honorable [Insert Senator's or Representative's Name]

Dear Senator or Representative [Insert Last Name]:

My name is [Insert Your Name] and I reside at [Insert Your Address] in [Insert Your City],.

I am writing to urge you to vote NO on HB1227 (or SB514.) The passage of this bill will allow law enforcement officers who have not been trained to properly use 911 and radio equipment to handle calls and dispatch in the state's communications centers.

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Thank you for your time and considering my request.

Sincerely,

[Insert Your Name]