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H 1504. LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER DISCIPLINE. *TO STANDARDIZE THE INVESTIGATION AND DISCIPLINE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND TO PROVIDE FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW OF DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS.* Enacts new Chapter 17F to provide if employing agency (state or local) considers matters that could reasonably lead to dismissal, demotion, suspension, or transfer for punitive reasons of, or any disciplinary action against, a law enforcement officer, it must provide minimum procedures before imposition of disciplinary action: right to (1) hearing before fair and impartial board or hearing officer, (2) be represented at officer's expense, (3) examine witnesses testifying against officer, (4) call witnesses and present evidence, and (5) have all meetings recorded. Allows exceptions for existing civil service system and other review boards that meet minimum standards. Provides for immediate suspension with pay of officer under specified conditions, with review board hearing thereafter. Effective October 1, 2005, and applicable to investigations and disciplinary proceedings begun on or after that date.

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