



Legislation Text

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Councilwoman Grim

Urging Governor DeWine to not sign Ohio Senate Bill 215, allowing conceal carry without a permit, into law.

WHEREAS, according to statistics reported to the FBI, 59 police officers were killed in the line of duty from January 1, 2021, to September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the FBI has reported that killings have soared nearly 30% in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 215 has three provisions: 1. Allow a person 21 years old who is otherwise legally allowed to have a gun conceal carry without a permit, 2. Holders of a conceal carry permit no longer need to carry that permit with them and 3. If stopped by police, a person with a concealed carry no longer need announce unless specifically asked about it; and

WHEREAS, there is a serious concern that those previously rejected for a conceal carry permit would now be able to avoid background checks; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Mayors Alliance testified that there has been a surge of gun violence in Ohio and the passage of this law will further increase violent crime; and

WHEREAS, the Fraternal Order of Police testified that the passage will create a threat to police officer safety; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Patrolman's Benevolent Association testified that this law would allow for a person convicted of misdemeanor assault on a police officer to legally carry a concealed handgun; and

WHEREAS, the loss of life due to gun violence has increased and has affected everyone, regardless of age; NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Toledo:

SECTION 1. That Toledo City Council encourages/ requests Governor DeWine to not sign into law Senate Bill 215 which would eliminate the permit requirement for the carrying of concealed firearms to residents over the age of 21.

SECTION 2. That the Clerk of Council is directed to transmit copies of this Resolution to all members of the Ohio General Assembly that represent Toledo and its surrounding areas, as well as the Speaker of the Ohio House and the President of the Ohio Senate.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period

allowed by law.

Adopted: February 1, 2022: yeas 12, nays 0.

Attest:

Gerald E. Dendinger
Clerk of Council

Matt Cherry
President of Council

Approved:

February 1, 2022
Wade Kapszukiewicz
Mayor