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Senator Kevin Engler's Corrections Officer Pay-Raise Bill Heads To Committee

JEFFERSON CITY – A bill sponsored by State Sen. Kevin Engler, R-Farmington, that would set a minimum amount of compensation for corrections personnel will soon be heard before committee.

Senate Bill 305 would establish a commensurate pay scale with a minimum salary amount and a yearly raise that is consistent with inflationary cost-of-living adjustments for correctional facility officers.

“It is time that those who take care of some of Missouri’s worst criminals are paid what they are worth,” Engler said. “These corrections officers put their lives on the line every day, and their hard work deserves to be reflected in their paychecks.”

The minimum salary would be set at an amount based on rank and length of service. Currently there is no minimum for compensation, nor any guaranteed pay increases.

“This bill would help the department of corrections attract qualified individuals to work in these demanding positions,” Engler said. “If an employee of the state penitentiary system can be assured that he or she will be rewarded for their work, they will understand that striving for seniority has its values, and their positive attitudes will be reflected in their efforts.”

Once the bill is voted out of committee, it will go to the Senate floor for debate by the full body. A final passing vote in the Senate will send the measure to the House of Representatives for similar consideration. Joint passage moves the bill to the governor’s desk.

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