

Ontario Association of Police Services Boards

on Bill 175

Standing Committee on Justice Policy, 22 Feb 2018



Overview

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What we like

- Progressive reforms regarding police oversight, as per Justice Tulloch
- Special constable code of conduct and oversight, and the introduction of standards for special constable employers
- Mandatory community safety & well-being plans, as a catalyst to interagency cooperation for improved overall results
- Flexibility to outsource some community safety tasks to non-police including private companies
- Clarifications on the board's responsibility to strategically govern police operations, without interfering with a specific police activity
- Minister now responsible for police board training



What we take exception to

- Section 67 – while the creation of OPP detachment boards is supported, the disbandment of any Section 10 OPP contract boards should be a municipal decision, rather than a provincial one
- Section 164, 42(4) - boards should be allowed to be represented in collective agreement negotiations by professional staff of their choosing, without having to accompany them in the process – just like any other employer in Ontario



What we take exception to

- Section 38 (5) and 40(4) – police boards should be able to make policies about police deployment, while being prohibited from making any decisions about the deployment of an individual officer or in response to an individual event
- Section 50(9) the board's strategic plan for policing in its jurisdiction should carry the same weight as provincial adequacy standards, in budget arbitration decisions

Other suggestions

- The creation of OPP detachment boards should be a consultative process involving local stakeholders
- Implementation of changes to investigations under the Complaints Review Director should be phased in
- Former police officers serving on the police board who was their past employer, should be grandfathered from ineligibility



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