

SUMMARY OF NO. 21-15

This proposed law would classify retired and current first responders as a class of people protected by existing hate crime laws. The proposed law would define first responders as including any member of a city, town, or district police department, the office of environmental law enforcement, the University of Massachusetts police department, the Massachusetts State Police, Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, a sheriff's department, a public or private college, any educational institution or hospital police department, as well as any correctional officer at any state prison, any private security officers in the state, any K9 officers, any current or retired EMS personnel, and any current or retired personnel of a fire department.