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#### Senate Bill 191

**Charlotte, NC-** Senator Joyce Waddell presented Senate Bill 191, Out-of- State Law Enforcement/2020 Rep Covetn, which would authorize a police department in a city with a population exceeding 500,000 to contract with an out-of-state law enforcement agency for the use of officers and equipment for a designated period. This bill passed unanimously in the Senate and will be sent to the House.

The City of Charlotte will be hosting the 2020 Republican National Convention. Senate Bill 191 would authorize the city's police department to contract with out-of-state law enforcement agencies for assistance during this event.<sup>1</sup> The General Assembly passed similar legislation prior to the 2012 Democratic National Convention, which was also hosted in Charlotte, North Carolina.<sup>2</sup>

Currently the law (Article 13 of Chapter 160A ) governs municipal law enforcement agencies. Among other things, it authorizes cooperation between State and local law enforcement agencies. However, it does not expressly authorize a municipal law enforcement agency to receive assistance from an out-of state law enforcement agency.

Participating out-of-state law enforcement officers who are certified and sworn in their home jurisdiction would be deemed to have met State certification requirements for being sworn as a law enforcement officer for the municipal police department contracting for their service.

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