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## S.B. 229 - RELATING TO VECTOR CONTROL

The **Second Action of the Action of the AFSCME Local 152**, AFL-CIO supports S.B. 229 which appropriates moneys for twelve (12) permanent full-time equivalent positions in the Vector Control Branch of the Department of Health.

In 2009, a statewide reduction-in-force (RIF) of state public employees occurred which created a loss of thirty-nine (39) positions within the Vector Control Branch. Act 134, SLH 2013 authorized four (4) positions and Act 124, SLH 2016 authorized an additional five (5) positions. S.B. 229 provides for establishing twelve (12) permanent full-time positions which allows the Department of Health to rebuild and restructure the Vector Control Branch and to protect public health by suppressing future outbreaks of potential vector-borne diseases.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in the performance of the second second

spectfully Submitted,

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