

Department of Planning and Budget

2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 1392

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Lingamfelter

3. Committee: On House calendar

4. Title: School security officers

5. Summary:

Current law authorizes local school divisions to employ school security officers. The purposes of such personnel are: to maintain order and discipline; prevent crime; investigate violations of school board policies; and detaining students violating school policies on school property or at school-sponsored events. They are “responsible solely for ensuring the safety, security, and welfare of all students, faculty, staff, and visitors in the assigned school.”

The proposed legislation would authorize a school security officer to carry a firearm in the performance of his duties, under the following conditions:

- Must be a retired law-enforcement officer who retired or resigned in good standing;
- Must meet additional training and certification requirements of the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS);
- Local school board must have solicited input from chief law-enforcement of locality regarding qualifications of officer; and
- Local school board has granted authority to carry firearm.

The legislation would require DCJS to establish, in addition to the minimum training standards for school security officers, additional training and certification standards for those officers authorized to carry a firearm in the performance of their duties. Those standards must include: training in firearms, training in active shooter emergency response, emergency evacuation procedure, and threat assessment.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. Item 395.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications:

It will take some time and expertise to develop firearms training standards and curricula for all the environments in which school security officers might be used: elementary, middle

school, and high school. DCJS already is responsible for developing and updating the training standards for personnel in numerous public safety areas and specialties.

The agency may need additional resources in order to be able to implement the proposed legislation in a timely and well-crafted manner. To develop or update the training standards in other specialty areas that required some special expertise, the agency has, in recent years, contracted with private vendors. Based on recent experience, the agency estimates that the contractual cost for developing the training and certification standards required by the proposed legislation would be \$75,000, which would be a one-time appropriation.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Department of Criminal Justice Services
Local school boards

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.