

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Lingamfelter

3. Committee: Passed both houses

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 have served as an active law-enforcement officer not less than 10 years prior to being hired as a school security officer;
- Must have retired or resigned from his law-enforcement position in good standing;
- Has provided proof to the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) of completion of training that includes active shooter emergency response, emergency evacuation procedure, and threat assessment; provided that if he received the training from a local law-enforcement agency, it must have been the law-enforcement agency of the locality in which he would be employed;
- Local school board must have solicited input from the chief law-enforcement officer of the locality where he will be employed regarding the qualifications of the school security officer and received verification that the applicant is not prohibited from possessing, purchasing, or transporting a firearm; and
- Local school board has granted authority to carry a firearm.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Implications: Final.

The legislation does not have a state fiscal impact.

8. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Department of Criminal Justice Services
Local school boards

9. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

10. Other Comments: None.