BILL SUMMARY

1st Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.: SB 644
Version: FA2
Request Number: 8186
Author: Rep. Roberts, Sean
Date: 4/20/2021
Impact: No direct impact to state anticipated

Research Analysis

FA 2 to SB 644 allows municipalities to authorize all or certain municipal employees to carry concealed firearms by ordinance. The measure provides that carrying a firearm is not to be considered a requirement for continued employment with the municipality. The employees must possess a valid handgun license and must keep the firearm secure at their own expense.. The municipality is not liable for any loss, damage or injuries that occur in relation to or caused by the possession or storage of a firearm. Employees may only carry firearms in the place of employment of the employee during working hours, unless the location is a firearm-prohibited location and defines "firearm-prohibited locations".

The Floor Substitute removes language regarding municipal official or employees immune from civil or criminal liability while carrying a firearm. Adds language to provide that a municipality, public authority or trust is not subject to civil or criminal liability for an act committed by a municipal official or employee who discharges a firearm.

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Fiscal Analysis

The floor substitute does not alter the fiscal impact of the committee substitute.

No direct impact to state revenues or expenditures is anticipated from passage of the measure.

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Other Considerations

None.

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