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Bill Analysis

The FS for SB 644 allows for municipalities to authorize all or certain municipal employees to carry concealed firearms by ordinance. Such employees must possess a valid handgun license. Employees carrying a firearm must keep it secure at their expense. The municipality shall not be liable for any loss, damage or injuries that occur in relation to or caused by the possession or storage of a firearm. The measure provides for immunity from civil or criminal liability for any injury resulting from the carrying, accidental discharge, or intentional discharge of a handgun on municipal property, provided the employee is acting in a reasonable and prudent manner. Employees may only carry firearms in the areas outlined in the measure. The measure clarifies that no felon may be eligible to carry a firearm under the provisions of this measure.

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