

BILL SUMMARY
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| Bill No.: | SB 1521 |
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| Request Number: | 10973 |
| Author: | Rep. Lowe, Dick |
| Date: | 4/22/2024 |
| Impact: | No Impact |

Research Analysis

The floor substitute to SB 1521 modifies the School Resource Officer program. The measure requires schools to prioritize hiring a law enforcement officer as their resource officer. If the local law enforcement agency is unwilling or unable to provide an officer, a school can hire a retired law enforcement officer or a licensed armed security guard. The hired individual must be pre-authorized by the local law enforcement agency, and the school must conduct a background check. The local law enforcement agency must also provide the officer with a police radio, which can be funded through the School Security Revolving Fund.

CHANGES IN FLOOR SUBSTITUTE FROM ENGROSSED VERSION:

The floor substitute includes provisions for when a local law enforcement agency is unwilling to provide a school resource officer, requires local law enforcement agencies to preauthorize employed school resource officers, and mandates officers have access to the local law enforcement agencies' radio system.

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Fiscal Analysis

As written, the measure is not anticipated to result in a negative fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.