

SB 1576 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Sprenger

House Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 02/24/20

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 10-0-1-0

Yeas: 10 - Barker, Bynum, Lawrence Spence, Lewis, Moore-Green, Noble, Piluso, Power, Sanchez, Sprenger

Exc: 1 - Greenlick

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/24, 2/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Includes certified judicial marshals within the definition of police officer in the Public Employees Retirement System. Applies to judicial marshals employed on or after effective date. Updates terms. Takes effect 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Judicial marshals are the only law enforcement officers not included in PERS "police and fire" category
- Judicial Marshals Office established in 2007 and transitioned into law enforcement unit in 2012
- Three judicial marshals in Office would qualify for inclusion but administrative assistant would not

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Judicial marshals are appointed by the Chief Justice and are charged with implementing the state court security and emergency preparedness plan and ensuring the safety of judges and court staff. Judicial marshals have the authority of police officers and are certified by the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training. However, judicial marshals are not considered police officers for purposes of the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS).

Senate Bill 1576 includes judicial marshals within the PERS definition of police officer.