

## HB 4131 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Judiciary

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**Action Date:** 02/11/22

**Action:** Without recommendation as to passage and be referred to Rules.

**Vote:** 7-2-1-0

**Yeas:** 7 - Bynum, Dexter, Helm, Kropf, Lewis, Power, Wilde

**Nays:** 2 - Morgan, Wallan

**Exc:** 1 - Noble

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/10, 2/11, 2/11

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies definition of chemical incapacitant. Defines crowd control. Specifies when law enforcement agency may use chemical incapacitants and kinetic impact projectiles for crowd control. Permits electronically amplified noise equipment to facilitate movement of emergency vehicle. Specifies injured persons may seek help from emergency medical services. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Interpretations of House Bill 2928 (2021)
- Constitutional implications of law enforcement use of force
- Impact of certain law enforcement tools on the community and environment
- Work group to discuss future amendments

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

#### BACKGROUND:

Tear gas, long range acoustic devices, and sound cannons are devices used by various law enforcement agencies for several purposes, including to control riots and disburse crowds. House Bill 2928 was enacted in the 2021 legislative session and regulated the use of chemical incapacitants, kinetic impact projectiles, and sound devices by law enforcement officials. It took effect July 19, 2021.

House Bill 4131 clarifies certain provisions included in the 2021 legislation regulating law enforcements' use of of certain devices for crowd control.