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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5165 AS INTRODUCED 10-11-89

The bill would allow the governing board of control of a public 4-year postsecondary school to grant the school's public safety officers the same powers and authority granted by law to peace and police officers. The bill would permit a school's public safety officers to enforce state law as well as the school's ordinances, establish the jurisdiction of public safety officers, and set minimum employment standards for them.

Police Powers. The governing board of control of a public 4-year institution of higher education created under Article VIII of the State Constitution of 1963 could grant the school's public safety officers the same powers and authority as granted by law to peace and police officers so they could enforce state law and the school's ordinances and regulations. Public safety officers empowered under the bill would be considered peace officers of the state and would have the authority granted to police officers under the Michigan Vehicle Code.

Jurisdiction. The jurisdiction of public safety officers granted police powers under the bill would include all property owned or leased by a school or its governing board of control, wherever situated in the state, and the jurisdiction would extend to any public right of way traversing or immediately contiguous to the property. State law governing peace officers could extend the jurisdiction of public safety officers if authorized by the school's governing board of control.

Employment Standards. Public safety officers empowered under the bill would have to meet the minimum employment standards of the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Training Council Act. Under that act, the Law Enforcement Council is charged with preparing minimum employment standards dealing with the physical, educational, mental, and moral fitness of a police officer, as well as approving police training schools and establishing minimum courses of study and attendance requirements, among other responsibilities.

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