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Senate Bill 614 (as introduced 6-24-97)
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Community College Act to allow the board of trustees of a community college to grant to its public safety officers or police officers the powers and authority of a peace officer. Public safety or police officers granted that authority under the bill would have the same powers and authority of a peace officer under the Code of Criminal Procedure and as provided under the Michigan Vehicle Code. Community college public safety or police officers to whom the powers and authority of a peace officer were granted under the bill would have to meet the minimum standards of the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Training Council Act.

Before granting community college public safety or police officers the powers and authority of peace officers, a community college board of trustees would have to conduct at least two public hearings.

A community college board of trustees could not grant the powers and authority of peace officers to its public safety or police officers unless it created a public safety oversight committee. The oversight committee would have to comprise two members of the faculty and two members of the staff of the community college. The oversight committee would receive and address grievances by persons against the community college's public safety or police officers or against its public safety or police department. The oversight committee could recommend to the community college's board of trustees or administration that disciplinary measures be taken against a public safety or police officer who was found responsible for misconduct in office.

The jurisdiction of a community college's public safety or police officers granted powers and authority of peace officers under the bill would include all property owned or leased by the community college in Michigan and extend to the public right-of-way traversing or contiguous to that property. Jurisdiction would be limited to the protection of persons and property on the community college's property, unless an emergency response were made off campus at the specific request of another law enforcement agency.

The public safety or police department of each community college would have to submit monthly uniform crime reports pertaining to crimes within the Department's jurisdiction to the Department of State Police as is required of local police departments and county sheriffs' departments under the uniform crime reporting Act (MCL 28.251).

Proposed MCL 389.128-389.131

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government. Many community colleges within the State (Macomb, Lansing, Delta, Grand Rapids, Oakland, and Kirkland, for example) already employ a Public Safety Department consisting of peace officers certified by the Michigan Law

Enforcement Officers Training Council. These officers are deputized by a local law enforcement agency, but otherwise work directly for a community college. The bill would permit the shift of the ability to grant the power and authority of a police officer from a local law enforcement agency to a community college.

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