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Senate Bill 758 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Jon Cisky
Committee: Judiciary

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Revised School Code to allow the board of a school district operating a community college to establish a department of public safety and grant to the public safety officers the powers and authority of a peace or law enforcement officer. Public safety or police officers granted that authority 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, and would have to meet the minimum standards of the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Training Council Act. The jurisdiction of these officers 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 college's property, unless a response were made off campus at the specific request of another law enforcement agency or under a mutual aid agreement with another law enforcement agency.

Before granting community college public safety officers the powers and authority of peace or law enforcement officers, the board would have to conduct at least two public hearings, and create a public safety oversight committee. The committee would receive and address grievances by persons against the college's public safety or police officers or its public safety or police department, and could recommend that disciplinary measures be taken against an officer who was found responsible for misconduct in office.

The public safety department of each community college would have to submit monthly uniform crime reports to the Department of State Police.

The bill is tie-barred to Senate Bills 614 and 759.

Proposed MCL 380.1606b-380.1606e

Legislative Analyst: S. Lowe

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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