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HB5341 AS INTRODUCED

Sponsor: Rep. Ken Bradstreet

Committee: HOUSE OVERSIGHT AND
OPERATIONS

Analyst(s): Risko, Robin

Completed: 10/31/01

State Fiscal Impact

Cost: Indeterminate/Increase
Revenues: None

Local Fiscal Impact

Cost: None
Revenues: None

House Bill 5341 establishes the "Legislative Sergeant at Arms Police Powers Act." The bill would authorize the Legislature to commission the Sergeants at Arms and Assistant Sergeants at Arms as police officers. Commissioned Sergeants at Arms and Assistant Sergeants at Arms would be vested with the same powers, privileges, prerogatives, and immunities as other police officers of the state, while in the following locations: the Capitol Building; the Capitol Building grounds; buildings in which offices of legislators are located; locations where committee or subcommittee meetings, sessions, or public hearings are taking place; legislative parking areas; and areas immediately adjacent to all of the areas described above.

House Bill 5341 would authorize the Senate to delegate the authority to commission Senate sergeants as police officers to the Senate Majority Leader, the Secretary of the Senate, or other officers or employees of the Senate. The House would be authorized to delegate the authority to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Clerk of the House of Representatives, or other officers or employees of the House. Also, the bill would declare the Office of Sergeant at Arms, of each house of the Legislature, a law enforcement agency of the state. House Bill 5341 is tie-barred to House Bill 5342.

The bill would have a very minimal fiscal impact on the state. Minimal costs would be associated with recertification of the sergeants and with the purchase of specialized equipment. However, it should be noted that these costs would be absorbed through existing resources.