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NO FISCAL IMPACT

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TITLE: CONCERNING CLARIFYING CHANGES TO PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO INSTITUTIONAL PEACE OFFICERS.

Summary of Legislation

This bill makes clarifying changes to statutes related to police officers at:

- ▶ the Colorado Mental Health Institute at Pueblo; and
- ▶ institutions of higher education.

The bill is effective 90 days following final adjournment of the General Assembly unless a referendum petition is filed (August 4, 2009 if final adjournment is May 6, 2009).

Background

Under current law departments of state government, including institutions of higher education and the state's mental health institutes, are permitted to employ security officers to protect property and perform other police or security functions as necessary. These officers have full police authority, which includes the ability to carry a weapon, detain and arrest suspects, issue citations, and perform other activities normally associated with police authority.

Assessment

This bill does not change costs or revenue for any state or local entity, it merely clarifies existing laws and makes conforming amendments. For this reason, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Departments Contacted

Higher Education

Public Safety

Human Services