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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 469 (Senator Collins)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Ways and Means

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Education - School Security - School Resource Officer

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This bill enables a school resource officer, who has been assigned to a public institution of elementary, secondary, or higher education, to deny access to school premises and demand identification from individuals desiring to enter the school premises.

The bill is effective July 1, 2001.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None. The number of individuals found guilty for school trespassing is not expected to increase as a result of the bill.

**Local Effect:** Any changes to local procedures could be made with existing resources.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** The governing board, president, superintendent, or principal of a public institution of elementary, secondary, or higher education, or a person designated in writing by the administration of the institution, may deny school access to an individual who: (1) is not a registered student or an employee of the school; (2) has been suspended or expelled from the school; or (3) disrupts or disturbs the normal educational functions of the school. Administrative personnel and authorized employees of public schools may demand identification and evidence of qualification from persons desiring entrance to school premises. An individual is guilty of a misdemeanor and may be subject to a fine

of up to \$1,000 or imprisonment for up to six months, or both, if the individual refuses to leave school property after being requested to do so by an authorized employee of the school.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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