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House Bill 128

(Delegate C. Davis)

Judiciary

Judicial Proceedings

Baltimore City - School Police Force - Weapons

This bill authorizes a Baltimore City school police officer to carry the officer's firearm on school premises except on school days during school hours. A school police officer may not carry a rifle, gun, or other deadly weapon on school premises during school hours.

The bill is effective July 1, 2001.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. Altering the time period during which a Baltimore City school police officer can carry a firearm on school premises would not affect city finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: A Baltimore City school police officer may not carry a rifle, gun, or other deadly weapon on school premises from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on school days. Other than the ability to carry a gun, a school police officer has all the powers of a law enforcement officer when on school property.

Background: The Baltimore City Public School System has a school police force consisting of 96 officers, including 64 school-based police officers that work from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The force also consists of a flex unit that responds to emergencies, a night

response team, a truancy unit, a criminal investigations division, and an internal investigations division.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: Similar bills were introduced as HB 506 in the 2000 session and as HB 102 in the 1999 session. Both bills passed the House and were referred to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee. The 2000 bill was not reported out of the Senate committee, and the 1999 bill received an unfavorable report.

Cross File: None.

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