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SENATE BILL 24-187

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Roberts and Gardner,

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Herod,

Senate Committees
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House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE SCOPE OF SECURITY MEASURES FOR THE JUDICIAL**
102 **DEPARTMENT.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill gives the Colorado state patrol authority to provide law enforcement services for the Ralph L. Carr Colorado judicial center and its grounds and provide protection for Colorado judges and justices when they are present in the state capitol buildings group.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
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SENATE
Amended 2nd Reading
April 10, 2024

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
3 holds in high regard the role of the Peace Officer Standards and Training
4 Board in ensuring that law enforcement serves Coloradans in a manner
5 that promotes the safety of every Coloradan through the establishment of
6 clear standards for peace officers.

7 (2) The general assembly relies on the P.O.S.T. board to review
8 applications for peace officer status and to make recommendations for
9 statutory recognition of peace officer status for individuals and groups in
10 Colorado. The P.O.S.T. board's expertise in this process is invaluable.
11 The general assembly takes this extraordinary step of expanding the peace
12 officer status for the administrator of judicial security in advance of the
13 sunrise process established in statute due to the extraordinary
14 circumstances facing the judiciary today.

15 (3) The general assembly finds that alarming events have occurred
16 in recent months that have threatened the security of courthouses in
17 Colorado and placed at risk the safety of litigants, lawyers, staff, judges,
18 and the public as a whole. These events have hindered access to justice
19 for Coloradans.

20 (4) The general assembly finds that the Colorado judicial
21 department has demonstrated an immediate need for more peace officers
22 who are qualified to help coordinate with federal, state, and local law
23 enforcement agencies to ensure the safety of the public, staff, and judges
24 at courthouses throughout Colorado. The general assembly encourages
25 the P.O.S.T. board to review as quickly as possible an application from
26 the judicial department and to work cooperatively with the judicial
27 department on its efforts to expand the number of personnel who serve as

1 peace officers under the position of administrator of judicial security.
2 (5) The general assembly finds that in 2017 the P.O.S.T. board
3 approved the position of administrator of judicial security, and in 2018
4 the general assembly codified the position in statute. The general
5 assembly finds that the office of the state court administrator needs
6 multiple peace officers to address the growing and immediate security
7 threats facing the state in order to ensure that courthouses throughout
8 Colorado are safe places for Coloradans to find resolution to their legal
9 disputes. The general assembly further finds that ensuring the safety and
10 security of courthouses provides a clear and obvious public benefit,
11 ensuring access to justice for all Coloradans.

12 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 13-1-141 as
13 follows:

14 **13-1-141. Ralph L. Carr Colorado judicial center - Colorado**
15 **state patrol - law enforcement services.** THE COLORADO STATE PATROL
16 SHALL PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FOR THE RALPH L. CARR
17 COLORADO JUDICIAL CENTER AND ITS GROUNDS, SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE
18 APPROPRIATIONS.

19 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 16-2.5-152
20 as follows:

21 **16-2.5-152. Administrators of judicial security.** An
22 ~~administrator~~ ADMINISTRATORS of judicial security employed by the
23 judicial department ~~is a~~ ARE peace ~~officer~~ OFFICERS whose authority
24 includes the enforcement of all laws of the state of Colorado, and ~~such~~
25 ~~administrator~~ THE ADMINISTRATORS of judicial security must be certified
26 by the P.O.S.T. board. FOR THE PURPOSE OF SEEKING PEACE OFFICER
27 STATUS FOR ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL UNDER THE TITLE OF JUDICIAL

1 SECURITY ADMINISTRATOR, NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF
2 SECTION 16-2.5-201, ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATORS OF JUDICIAL SECURITY
3 ARE GRANTED TEMPORARY PEACE OFFICER STATUS PENDING APPLICATION
4 AND REVIEW BY THE P.O.S.T. BOARD. FOLLOWING REVIEW BY THE
5 P.O.S.T. BOARD PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-2.5-201 AND UPON A
6 FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION FOR PEACE OFFICER STATUS FROM THE
7 P.O.S.T. BOARD TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TEMPORARY PEACE OFFICER
8 STATUS FOR ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATORS IS PERMANENT. IF THE POST
9 BOARD DOES NOT RECOMMEND PEACE OFFICER STATUS FOR ADDITIONAL
10 PERSONNEL UNDER THE TITLE OF JUDICIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATOR, THE
11 TEMPORARY PEACE OFFICER STATUS EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2025, UNLESS
12 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROVIDES OTHERWISE.

13 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-216.5,
14 **amend** (1) as follows:

15 **24-33.5-216.5. Patrol services furnished to the general**
16 **assembly - judges and justices - definition.** (1) (a) The Colorado state
17 patrol shall provide protection for the members of the general assembly
18 when they are present in the state capitol buildings group and shall
19 respond to all complaints relating to criminal activity against or security
20 threats or risks to a member of the general assembly. As used in this
21 subsection (1), "state capitol buildings group" has the same meaning as
22 set forth in section 24-82-105 (1)(a).

23 (b) THE COLORADO STATE PATROL SHALL PROVIDE PROTECTION TO
24 COLORADO JUDGES AND JUSTICES WHEN THEY ARE PRESENT IN THE STATE
25 CAPITOL BUILDINGS GROUP.

26 **SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
27 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate

1 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
2 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
3 institutions.