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Sponsors

Senator Lambert
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Short Title

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Peace Officer Status

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Status

This research note reflects the final version of the bill, which was signed by the Governor and became effective on June 10, 2016.

Summary

This bill creates the Peace Officer Authority Colorado Mounted Rangers Study Task Force (task force). The task force must study and make recommendations regarding whether it is appropriate for the Colorado Mounted Rangers to receive peace officer standards and training (POST). If POST certification is recommended, the task force must also recommend the appropriate state agency for administering the Colorado Mounted Rangers and the required level of POST certification, training, and supervision.

Requirements regarding the structure of the task force are set forth by the bill. The task force must convene its first meeting by June 1, 2016, and submit its recommendations to the Judiciary committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate prior to July 1, 2017. The task force is repealed effective July 1, 2017.

Background

The Colorado Mounted Rangers are an independent statewide law enforcement auxiliary. Under current law, the rangers are allowed to enter into memorandums of understanding with a state agency, county sheriff, local law enforcement, or an emergency planning committee.

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Senate Action

Senate Judiciary Committee (April 11, 2016). At the hearing, representatives of the County Sheriffs of Colorado, the Colorado Department of Public Safety, the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police, and the Colorado Mountain Rangers testified in support of the bill. The committee adopted amendment L.001, which struck everything below the enacting clause and substituted provisions creating the task force, and referred the bill, as amended, to the Senate Committee of the Whole.

Senate second reading (April 14, 2016). The Senate Committee of the Whole adopted the Senate Judiciary Committee report and passed the bill on second reading.

Senate third reading (April 15, 2016). The Senate adopted the bill on third reading.

House Action

House State Affairs Committee (April 27, 2016). At the hearing, representatives of the County Sheriffs of Colorado, the Colorado Department of Public Safety, and the Colorado Mountain Rangers testified in support of the bill. The committee referred the bill, unamended, to the House Committee of the Whole.

House second reading (April 28, 2016). The House Committee of the Whole passed the bill on second reading.

House third reading (May 2, 2016). The House adopted the bill on third reading.