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Research Note

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Senate Bill 17-096

Sponsors

Senator Lambert
Representative Lundeen

Short Title

**Reserve Peace Officer Academy
Grant Program**

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Status

This research note reflects the final version of the bill, which becomes effective August 9, 2017, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

Background

A reserve officer is a person authorized by a city, city and county, town, county, or state institution of higher education to act as a reserve police officer, reserve deputy sheriff, or reserve town marshal for certain specific and limited periods of time under the direct supervision of a fully certified peace officer. Reserve officers must be certified by the Peace Officer Standards and Training Board, either as a reserve officer or as a fully certified peace officer. Reserve police officers may have full police powers when they are serving in a reserve police officer capacity, but their authority is limited to the authority granted by their authorizing agency.

A reserve officer may be compensated for his or her time during a declared emergency or during a time of special need. In all other circumstances, reserve officers serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed by the authorizing agency for any authorized out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the course of their duties. The city, city and county, town, county, or state institution of higher education pays the cost of workers' compensation benefits for injuries incurred by a reserve officer while on duty and while acting within the scope of his or her assigned duties.

Senate Action

Senate Judiciary Committee (February 13, 2017). At the hearing, the committee heard testimony in favor of the bill from representatives of the Department of Public Safety, the Colorado

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Mountain Rangers, and the Idaho Springs Police Department. The committee referred the bill to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Senate Appropriations Committee (March 14, 2017). The committee adopted amendment J.002 and referred the bill to the Senate Committee of the Whole. The amendment added an appropriations clause to the bill.

Senate second reading (March 17, 2017). The Senate passed the bill on second reading with no amendments.

Senate third reading (March 20, 2017). The Senate passed the bill on third reading with no amendments.

House Action

House Judiciary Committee (April 13, 2017). At the hearing, the committee heard testimony in favor of the bill from representatives of the Department of Public Safety, the Colorado Mountain Rangers, the town of Nederland, the Monument Police Department, the City of Englewood, and the Idaho Springs Police Department. The committee referred the bill to the House Appropriations Committee.

House Appropriations Committee (May 2, 2017). The committee referred the bill to the House Committee of the Whole.

House second reading (May 2, 2017). The House passed the bill on second reading with no amendments.

House third reading (May 3, 2017). The House passed the bill on third reading with no amendments.

Relevant Research

Legislative Council Staff, *Peace Officer Status in Colorado*, Issue Brief, February 2016: <http://leg.colorado.gov/publications/peace-officer-status-colorado>.