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Revised Fiscal Note

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Table with 2 columns: Field (Drafting Number, Prime Sponsors, Date, Bill Status, Fiscal Analyst) and Value (LLS 24-0509, Rep. Bradley, Sen. Van Winkle, April 16, 2024, House Appropriations, Josh Abram | 303-866-3561, josh.abram@coleg.gov)

Bill Topic: FUNDING FOR SCHOOL SAFETY FIREARM DETECTION SYSTEMS

Table with 2 columns: Category (Summary of Fiscal Impact) and Options (checkboxes for State Revenue, State Expenditure, State Transfer, TABOR Refund, Local Government, School District)

The bill authorizes the Department of Public Safety to disburse funding to public schools to install and operate firearm detection software. It increases state expenditures on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The revised fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, as amended by the House Education Committee. The fiscal note is being further revised to reflect new information.

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, the School Security Disbursement Program in the Office of School Safety in the Department of Public Safety (DPS) disburses money to local education providers (LEPs) for a variety of specified purposes related to school security and safety. This bill authorizes the program to disburse funding to purchase, install and operate firearm detection software as an allowable use of funding from the program. The bill specifies that firearm detection software must be designed to integrate with an LEPs existing security cameras and be operated directly by the software vendor using a constantly monitored operations center, among other requirements.

An LEP that receives a disbursement must report specified information back to DPS, and the Office of School Safety must include information collected from recipients in reports made to the relevant committees of the General Assembly.

State Expenditures

The bill adds additional purposes for which school safety disbursements may be used. Whether to add additional funding to DPS for the school security program, if any, is at the discretion of the General Assembly. For informational purposes, it is estimated that about \$2.7 million

annually can provide funding for up to 10 school districts of varying size. This includes a one-time installation fee per school, software, licensing, and monitoring. Based on initial cost estimates from qualified vendors, and an assumption of about 500 cameras for large districts, 300 cameras per medium district, and 100 cameras per small school district, funding the program at \$2.7 million will allow grants to be awarded to districts of varying size and geographic locations. If no additional funding is provided, the bill may change how the existing funds are distributed to LEPs.

School District

LEPs, including school districts, can apply for funding from the program and the DPS will award funds to applicants in the order in which they were received. Districts that receive funding will have increased workload to coordinate with the vendor for the installation, operation, and licensing of all software and detection services. Districts will have ongoing expenses if they choose to continue operating the detection system after grant funding ends. If no additional funding is provided, distributions to districts that are currently participating may change.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State and Local Government Contacts

Public Safety

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