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SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes law enforcement offices to carry handguns in posted areas with the exception of certain circumstances.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013800): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Authorizes law enforcement offices to carry handguns in posted areas. Requires notices of the prohibition of firearms to include the phrase, "All law enforcement officers are exempt."

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-1350, any law enforcement officer may carry firearms at all times and in all places within Tennessee, on-duty or off-duty, regardless of the officer's regular duty hours or assignments. The exceptions to this include:
 - Officers who are not engaged in the actual discharge of official duties as a law enforcement officer and carry a firearm onto school grounds or inside a school building during regular school hours unless the officer immediately informs the principal that the officer will be present on school grounds or inside the school building and in possession of a firearm. If the principal is unavailable, the notice may be given to an appropriate administrative staff person in the principal's office;
 - Officers who are consuming beer or an alcoholic beverage or who are under the influence of beer, an alcoholic beverage, or a controlled substance; or
 - Officers who are not engaged in the actual discharge of official duties as a law enforcement officer while attending a judicial proceeding.
- "Law enforcement officer" includes a full-time employee of the state in a position authorized by the laws of this state to carry a firearm and to make arrests for violations of some or all of the laws of this state or a full-time police, a commissioned reserve

deputy sheriff, a commissioned reserve or auxiliary police officer, a sheriff, a deputy sheriff, an inmate relations coordinator, a correctional officer who is employed by the Department of Correction (DOC) and has completed the probationary period established for a correctional officer, a person employed by DOC as a warden, deputy warden, associate warden, correctional administrator, assistant or deputy commissioner, commissioner, constables, and any elected district attorney general, assistant district attorney general, executive director or deputy director of the District Attorneys General Conference, and full-time, pro-term prosecutor employed by the District Attorneys General Conference that has completed 40 hours of POST training.

- Specifying that the above people are authorized to carry handguns into corporations, business entities, or local, state, or federal government entities which prohibit the possession of weapons by any person who is at a meeting conducted by, or on property owned, operated, or managed or under the control of the individual, corporation, business entity, or government entity, or on public parks, playgrounds, civic centers, or other public recreational buildings and grounds, whether the officer is on duty or not, will not result in a significant fiscal impact to state or local government.
- Given the size requirements for prohibition notice signs, the majority of such new signs will be laminated paper signs using standard size (8.5" x 11") paper stock produced with color copiers and laminating machines. The cost for any state or local government entity to post a new sign is estimated to be not significant and can be accomplished within existing resources without an increased appropriation or a reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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