

SSB 6157 - S AMD 562

By Senator Fortunato

NOT ADOPTED 02/07/2024

1 On page 9, after line 18, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** (1) Because peace officers are required
3 by their agencies to maintain firearm proficiency of a certain level,
4 and the policies for peace officer firearm practice vary
5 significantly between agencies, the criminal justice training
6 commission shall conduct a study of the feasibility, legality, and
7 increased cost of arming deferred action for childhood arrival
8 recipients as police officers. The study shall include, at a minimum:

9 (a) How federal law permits and restricts deferred action for
10 childhood arrival recipients being armed as police officers or
11 officers with the department of corrections, including during off-
12 duty hours;

13 (b) An examination of a broad sample of law enforcement agency
14 and department of corrections policies on firearms, firearm training,
15 and firearm proficiency standards to identify variations in standards
16 and disparate impacts on the training and practice to maintain
17 firearm proficiency of deferred action for childhood arrival status
18 officers, including potential disadvantage due to limited range-time
19 for weapons proficiency and any increased costs associated with
20 adjusting agency policy to incorporate officers with deferred action
21 for childhood arrival status backgrounds, such as costs for
22 additional range safety officers;

23 (c) Any associated risk of loss of federal or state firearm-
24 related licensure for the range owner or operator created by deferred
25 action for childhood arrival status peace officer purchasing
26 ammunition from that owner or operator;

27 (d) Whether deferred action for childhood arrival status officers
28 are authorized to participate in sport shooting events to increase
29 firearm proficiency; and

30 (e) Evaluation of how arming deferred action for childhood
31 arrival status recipients as officers will impact the policies,
32 procedures, and budgets of affected agencies, including: (i) Any
33 restrictions to being armed outside of work hours; (ii) whether

1 firearm proficiency training may be scheduled during paid duty hours;
2 and (iii) whether additional range safety officers, supervisors, or
3 other agency employees must be hired or additional materials
4 purchased in order to manage the required firearm proficiency
5 training required by any new policies.

6 (2) The criminal justice training commission shall report its
7 findings to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December
8 31, 2024.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** Sections 1 through 9 of this act take
10 effect July 1, 2025."

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11 On page 1, line 7 of the title, after "RCW;" strike "and"

12 On page 1, line 8 of the title, after "RCW" insert "; creating a
13 new section; and providing an effective date"

EFFECT: Establishes a new effective date of July 1, 2025;
requires the Criminal Justice Training Commission to conduct a study
of the feasibility, legality, and increased costs of arming DACA
recipients as officers and report findings to the legislature by
December 31, 2024.

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