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AMENDMENT MEMO

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Senate Bill 955 authorizes 14.2 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions for the Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of School Safety for the period from January 1, 2025 until September 30, 2025. The bill also authorizes a DOJ appropriation supported by fees charged for firearm purchase background checks and licenses to carry a concealed weapon to be used for purposes of the Office of School Safety.

Additionally, the bill makes changes to provisions limiting how DOJ establishes the fee amount for licenses to carry a concealed weapon. Current law authorizes DOJ to determine a license amount equal to the cost of issuing the license, which cannot exceed $37, and requires DOJ to use a five-year planning period for determining the cost of issuing a license. The bill eliminates the requirement for the license fee to equal the cost of issuance and the five-year planning period.

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Senate Amendment 1 maintains current law regarding the fee amount for licenses to carry concealed weapons, which limits the fee to the cost of issuing a license and requires a five-year planning period. The amendment authorizes 14.2 FTE positions for the Office of School Safety from January 1, 2025 to October 1, 2025 (rather than September 30).

Finally, the amendment sunsets authorization for the DOJ appropriation funded by firearms background checks and concealed weapons license fees to be used for the Office of School Safety. As of October 1, 2025, the appropriation can no longer be used for this purpose.

BILL HISTORY

Senator Wanggaard offered Senate Amendment 1 on February 9, 2024. On February 15, 2024, the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety recommended adoption of the amendment, and passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 7; Noes, 0.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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