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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR Harper **LAST UPDATED** _____ **HB** 483

SHORT TITLE Enhanced Concealed Carry for Law Enforcement **SB** _____

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ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY17	FY18	FY19	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		Unknown increase see Fiscal Implications	Unknown increase see Fiscal Implications	Unknown increase see Fiscal Implications	Recurring	Concealed Handgun Carry Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB 62, HB 78, SB 56, SB 283, SB 328, SB 337, SJR 5, SB 237

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Office of the Attorney General (OAG)

Department of Game and Fish (DGF)

No Response Received From

Department of Public Safety (DPS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 483 proposes to amend the Concealed Handgun Carry Act to require the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to develop an 18-hour enhanced concealed handgun license certification program for people who are not eligible or certified to be a law enforcement officer and wish to have an enhanced concealed handgun license. The program will include

- One hour of handgun safety,
- Two hours of legal issues related to handgun carry ,
- One hour handgun operator awareness,
- One hour on handgun care and cleaning,
- One hour the fundamentals of marksmanship, including stance, grip, sight alignment and picture, breath control, trigger control and follow through,

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- Two hours of classroom-based instruction on the manipulation of handguns,
- Two hours on avoidance, situational awareness and de-escalation techniques, and
- Eight hours of firearm range training and testing.

The bill includes a definition of an enhanced concealed handgun carry license.

The bill does not permit a person with an enhanced handgun carry license to carry a concealed handgun into or on premises where to do so is a violation of state or federal law, but does allow a person with an enhanced handgun carry license to carry a concealed handgun on school or preschool premises.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

DPS reports in its response to SB56 it processes approximately 12,150 applications per year with revenue averaging \$460 thousand. The Concealed Handgun Carry Unit currently has seven FTE. One employee is paid from the general fund while the remaining FTE are paid with revenue generated from licensing fees. DPS annually budgets between \$250 and \$350 thousand from concealed handgun carry fees to maintain and upgrade its computer system.

Depending on the number of individuals that apply for an enhanced license and who are not eligible or certified law enforcement officers, the revenue from licensing fees could increase.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

HB 62 – Concealed Carry License Expiration
HB 78 – Online Concealed Carry Courses
SB 56 – Concealed Carry Eligibility
SB 237 – Concealed Carry for Law Enforcement
SB 283 – Concealed Carry For Law Enforcement
SB 328 – Family Violence Concealed Carry Licenses
SB 337 – Firearms in the State Capitol
SJR 5 – Concealed Firearms Without a Permit

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

DPS charges \$100 for a concealed carry license of which \$44 is for processing fingerprints and \$56 is retained by the department for administering the program. A license is valid for four years from date of issue. At the end of 2016, New Mexico had 81,588 active concealed carry licenses, up 20 thousand since 2014.

DPS charges a \$5 processing fee to add another category and caliber of handgun to a current license if a department-approved instructor issues a certificate of completion on the category and caliber of handgun the applicant wants to add.

Currently, DPS approves the curriculum submitted by firearms instructors as required by 10.8.2.22 NMAC. On average, department-approved instructors charge \$150 for a first-time firearms instruction course.

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