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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION**

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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

*{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*

**Date Prepared:** 2/21/2025 *Check all that apply:*  
**Bill Number:** HB473 Original  Correction   
 Amendment X  Substitute

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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>						No fiscal impact

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

## **SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

### **BILL SUMMARY**

#### **Synopsis:**

HB473 proposes updates to school security personnel regulations. The bill aims to enhance school security by defining clear roles and ensuring personnel meet specific qualifications.

The bill introduces "assistant school security personnel," defined as Level One or Level Two security guards registered under the Private Investigations Act, who are not permitted to carry firearms on school grounds. It also allows retired or former commissioned peace officers and Level Three security guards to serve as armed school security personnel. Establishing qualifications for school security personnel, including background checks, training requirements, and firearm certifications. Prohibiting school security personnel from holding other roles while carrying firearms. Requiring psychological and physical evaluations before armed personnel can serve. Allowing school districts and charter schools to employ registered security guards at different levels, aligning their training with state standards.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The bill does not address the carrying of "non-lethal" tools, such as tasers or mace, it also does not address restraint mechanisms. i.e. handcuffs. The implication is a level one or two can carry mace, tasers or handcuffs. There should be a mandated clause requiring "express permission" to restrain or use these non-lethal tools. However, the ability to transfer risk to a contractor is a significant opportunity for a school district or charter, the bill as written, allows the district to "supervise" a contract employee, thus removing the ability to transfer risk is the case of a "poor judgement" order from someone within a district to restrain a student as a means of de-escalation when other methods can be used.

### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

### **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

### **ALTERNATIVES**

### **WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

### **AMENDMENTS**