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HB5342 AS PASSED BY THE SENATE

Sponsor: Rep. Larry Julian

Committee: HOUSE OVERSIGHT AND
OPERATIONS

Analyst(s): Jen, Kyle

Completed: 12/6/01

State Fiscal Impact

Cost: Indeterminate/Increase
Revenues: None

Local Fiscal Impact

Cost: None
Revenues: None

House Bill 5342 would amend the Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (COLES) Act to include under the definition of "police officer" or "law enforcement officer" any sergeant of arms or assistant sergeant of arms of either house of the Legislature who was commissioned as a police officer by that respective house as provided for in House Bill 5341, which is tie-barred to this bill.

This bill would impose indeterminate administrative costs on COLES, which is charged with the certification of police officers in this state (COLES is overseen by the Department of State Police). It is expected that the increase in the commission's duties would be fairly small as 1) there are only 18 individuals employed by the two houses of the Legislature as sergeants of arms or assistant sergeants of arms, 2) the turnover rate for these positions is relatively low, and 3) 9 of 18 sergeants or assistant sergeants currently employed by the Legislature are already certified as police officers.