

SB 1576 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Prozanski

Senate Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 02/10/20

Action: Do pass.

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Dembrow, Gelser, Linthicum, Manning Jr, Olsen, Prozanski, Thatcher

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/6, 2/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Includes certified judicial marshals within the definition of police officer in the Public Employees Retirement System. Applies to judicial marshals employed on or after effective date. Updates terms. Takes effect 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Three judicial marshals are the only three police officers in state not within PERS
- Inclusion in PERS will increase recruitment and retention
- Duties of judicial marshals assigned by Chief Justice

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Judicial marshals are appointed by the Chief Justice and are charged with implementing the state court security and emergency preparedness plan and ensuring the safety of judges and court staff. Judicial marshals have the authority of police officers and are certified by the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training. However, judicial marshals are not considered police officers for purposes of the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS).

Senate Bill 1576 includes judicial marshals within the PERS definition of police officer.