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To: Public Safety Subcommittee

From: Julie Neburka, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: June 16, 2021

Subject: HB 2928 – Relating to the use of tools by law enforcement agencies
Work Session Recommendations

House Bill 2928 regulates and limits the use of chemical incapacitants, kinetic impact projectiles, strobe lights, and sound devices by law enforcement for the purpose of crowd control. The measure requires that certain accommodations and instructions be made by law enforcement when deploying specified devices. Further, the measure prohibits law enforcement from acting in concert with another agency or proxy law enforcement to engage in conduct barred by statute or court order and establishes that an intentional violation of this provision constitutes official misconduct in the second degree. The measure takes effect upon passage.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the -A16 amendment, which removes the prohibition on the use of strobe lights for crowd control, and which appropriates \$605,781 General Fund to the Department of State Police to implement the provisions of the measure.

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 2928, as amended by the -A16 amendment, to be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

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