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To: Public Safety Subcommittee

From: Julie Neburka, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: June 16, 2021

Subject: HB 2527 – Relating to regulation of private security entities
Work Session Recommendations

House Bill 2527 requires licensure of private security entities by DPSST and provides a process for obtaining licensure, including an investigation into the character, competency, and reliability of the applicant. DPSST would also be able to sanction entities for violations. The measure provides whistleblower protections for private security providers, requires licensed entities to provide training on preventing workplace harassment, discrimination, and sexual assault, and requires those using the services of a private security entity to verify the licensure of the entity before hiring. HB 2527 also requires entities to provide written statements of wage and deductions to private security professionals with each round of compensation and requires security providers who are armed to complete their firearm training with a firearm that matches the make, model, and caliber of the firearm used by the private security professionals in the scope of their duties. The measure requires DPSST to establish fees for issuing licenses to private security entities, which may not exceed the direct costs of administering the program.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the -A5 amendment, which provides \$665,972 Other Funds expenditure limitation to support three positions (3.00 FTE) required to implement the measure.

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 2527, as amended by the -A5 amendment, to be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

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