

**SB 297 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Lewis

**House Committee On Judiciary**

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**Action Date:** 05/11/21

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Vote:** 10-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 10 - Bynum, Dexter, Helm, Kropf, Lewis, Morgan, Noble, Power, Wallan, Wilde

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/29, 5/11

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**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 on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Role of judicial marshals
- Prior legislative efforts
- Judicial marshal training and certification

**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 297 includes judicial marshals within the PERS definition of police officer.