

Enrolled House Bill 2551

Sponsored by Representative HUDSON; Representatives HARTMAN, LEVY E, MUNOZ (Presession filed.)

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to security on campus; amending ORS 181A.972.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 181A.972 is amended to read:

181A.972. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Institution of higher education" has the meaning given that term in ORS 163A.005.

(b) "Private security professional" and "private security provider" have the meanings given those terms in ORS 181A.840.

(2)(a) An institution of higher education that employs or contracts with a private security provider, or the governing board of a public university listed in ORS 352.002 that commissions special campus security officers under ORS 352.118 to provide security services on campus, shall ensure that a nationwide criminal records check is conducted for each private security professional or special campus security officer providing security services on campus.

(b) The governing board of a public university listed in ORS 352.002 that commissions special campus security officers under ORS 352.118 to provide security services on campus shall ensure that background information, including information about disciplinary action, about a special campus security officer is requested from the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training and reviewed before commissioning the officer.

[(b)] (c) The governing board of a public university listed in ORS 352.002 that commissions special campus security officers under ORS 352.118 to provide security services on campus shall ensure that each officer undergoes psychological testing to determine the officer's fitness to serve as a special campus security officer.

(3)(a) A law enforcement agency may share information about applicants for employment with the agency with an institution of higher education. An institution of higher education may use information shared under this subsection for purposes of hiring private security professionals or special campus security officers.

(b) The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training may share information about an applicant to serve as a special campus security officer with a public university listed in ORS 352.002. A public university may use information shared under this subsection for the purpose of hiring special campus security officers.

(4) A private security provider that provides security services on the campus of an institution of higher education or the governing board of a public university listed in ORS 352.002 that commissions special campus security officers under ORS 352.118 to provide security services on campus shall ensure that:

(a) Vehicles used by private security professionals or special campus security officers in the scope of their employment on campus are equipped with:

(A) A global positioning system device, as defined in ORS 163.715, for which global positioning data is retained for at least 90 days;

(B) A video camera that records the scene within the vehicle and for which video recordings are retained for at least 90 days; or

(C) A dispatch system for which a record of calls is maintained for at least 90 days.

(b) Uniforms worn by private security professionals or special campus security officers in the scope of their employment on campus can be easily differentiated from the uniform of any law enforcement officer certified by the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, with differentiations including, but not limited to, prominent designation of "campus security" or prominent use of a school logo or school colors.

(5) An institution of higher education that employs or contracts with a private security provider, or the governing board of a public university listed in ORS 352.002 that commissions special campus security officers under ORS 352.118 to provide security services on campus, shall ensure that vehicles used by private security professionals or special campus security officers in the scope of their employment on campus:

(a) Are clearly identified as a campus vehicle on the front of the vehicle;

(b) Do not use red and blue light bars;

(c) Do not use bumpers intended to ram another vehicle in order to cause a stall; and

(d) Do not use cages.

(6) When a private security professional or special campus security officer makes a probable cause arrest or an arrest under ORS 133.225 in the course of the individual's duties on the campus of an institution of higher education, the institution of higher education or governing board of the public university listed in ORS 352.002 for whom the individual provides security services:

(a) Shall promptly notify a law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the area in which the arrest took place.

(b) May not retain evidence related to the arrest except for the purpose of providing the evidence to a law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the area in which the arrest took place.

(7) Private security professionals and special campus security officers commissioned under ORS 352.118 who provide security services on the campus of an institution of higher education do not have stop and frisk authority as set forth in ORS 131.605 to 131.625.

(8) If an institution of higher education contracts with a private security provider to provide temporary security for an event, the terms of the contract must require the private security provider to comply with all relevant statutes and rules governing the duties of contracted private security providers.

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