

Legislative Analysis



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House Bill 5055 (H-2) as passed by the House
Sponsor: Rep. Sarah Lightner
Committee: Judiciary
Complete to 10-2-25

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SUMMARY:

House Bill 5055 would amend the Legislative Sergeant at Arms Police Powers Act to authorize a sergeant at arms or assistant sergeant at arms commissioned as a police officer by the House of Representatives or the Senate to enforce state laws anywhere in Michigan if necessary to provide security for a legislative member (a state representative or senator) or to investigate threats made or crimes committed against a legislative member.

Currently, legislative sergeants at arms can enforce state laws and the rules of the chamber that commissioned them at the Capitol building and grounds, buildings housing the offices of legislative members or staff, legislative parking areas, and places where a session, meeting, or hearing is being held by the legislature or a legislative committee (including a reasonable time before and after that event).

MCL 4.382

FISCAL IMPACT:

The provisions of the bill are permissive in nature. Any costs that would be incurred due to the use of the expanded enforcement powers authorized under the bill that exceed existing appropriation levels would be subject to legislative appropriation.

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