

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6404

As of January 25, 2002

Title: An act relating to duties of the sheriff.

Brief Description: Modifying sheriff duties.

Sponsors: Senators Jacobsen and Costa.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Judiciary: 1/17/02

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Staff: Lisa Ellis (786-7421)

Background: County sheriffs have a duty to attend the sessions of courts of records. City police chiefs provide security to municipal courts. District courts receive security by county sheriffs if the district court is located in the same building as a court of record.

The District and Municipal Court Judges' Association (DMCJA) is concerned that county sheriffs are not required to provide security at district courts which are not located in the same building as a court of record. Instances of near injury and threats of injuries have been reported in district courts. The DMCJA recommends that county sheriffs provide security to all district courts in order to reduce the potential for violence during district court sessions.

Summary of Bill: County sheriffs must attend the sessions of district courts held within the county.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 14, 2002.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.