

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 1191
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Public Education
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

It has been noted that the statutory definition of "school resource officer" is somewhat broad and may require clarification for purposes of enforcing training requirements. For example, some law enforcement agencies are unsure if they must require officers who work at public schools for occasional activities, such as sporting events, to complete the school-based law enforcement training required for certification as a school resource officer. S.B. 1191 amends the applicable definition of "school resource officer" to clarify that a peace officer who provides law enforcement only for school-related extracurricular activities is excluded.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

S.B. 1191 amends the Occupations Code to clarify that the term "school resource officer" does not include a peace officer who provides law enforcement at a public school or public school event only for extracurricular activities.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2021.