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Committee Bill No. 6252

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SELECTION OF JUDICIAL MARSHALS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 6-32d of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2009*):

4 (b) The Judicial Department shall employ judicial marshals for
5 prisoner custody and transportation responsibilities pursuant to this
6 section. The Chief Court Administrator [may] shall establish
7 employment standards and implement appropriate training programs
8 to assure secure prisoner custody and transportation. Such standards
9 and programs shall be in force and effect by December 1, 2000. On and
10 after October 1, 2009, the Judicial Department shall make a written
11 summary of such employment standards available on its Internet web
12 site. Any property used by the sheriffs for prisoner transportation shall
13 be transferred to the Judicial Department.

14 Sec. 2. Section 6-32f of the general statutes is repealed and the
15 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

16 The Judicial Department shall be responsible for courthouse
17 security and shall employ judicial marshals for such purpose. The
18 Chief Court Administrator [may] shall establish employment
19 standards and implement appropriate training programs to assure
20 court security. On and after October 1, 2009, the Judicial Department
21 shall make a written summary of such employment standards
22 available on its Internet web site. Any property used by the sheriffs for
23 court security shall be transferred to the Judicial Department. The
24 Chief Court Administrator shall be responsible for the custody, care
25 and control of courthouse facilities. As used in this section,
26 "courthouse security" and "court security" include the provision of
27 security services to any judicial facility or to any facility of a state
28 agency pursuant to a written agreement, provided (1) such facility is
29 located contiguous to a courthouse, and (2) the Chief Court
30 Administrator determines that, based on the proximity and design of
31 the courthouse and the contiguous facility, the security requirements
32 are mutual and best served through the provision of security services
33 by judicial marshals.

34 Sec. 3. Section 6-32g of the general statutes is repealed and the
35 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

36 After December 1, 2000, the Chief Court Administrator shall require
37 an applicant for employment as a judicial marshal pursuant to sections
38 6-32d, as amended by this act, and 6-32f, as amended by this act, to
39 submit to a criminal record background investigation, to be conducted
40 by the Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of
41 Investigation. The applicant shall pay all processing fees incurred for
42 such investigation. With respect to any motor vehicle infraction or
43 violation or any misdemeanor offense discovered as a result of such
44 criminal record background investigation or otherwise, only a
45 conviction occurring within the five years prior to the date of
46 application shall be considered by the Judicial Department in
47 determining whether to employ any applicant as a judicial marshal.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2009	6-32d(b)
Sec. 2	October 1, 2009	6-32f
Sec. 3	October 1, 2009	6-32g

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) make the process for selecting judicial marshals transparent and provide a means to hold the Judicial Department accountable for decisions in selecting judicial marshals by requiring the Judicial Department to establish employment standards and to make such employment standards publicly available on its Internet web site, and (2) reduce the period of inquiry with respect to motor vehicle infractions and violations and misdemeanor offenses.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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