



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 5419

House of Representatives, April 21, 2016

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. WALKER of the 93rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING OPERATION OF THE PERSONAL SCREENING SYSTEM IN THE LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING AND AT THE STATE CAPITOL AND ALLOWING LEGISLATORS ACCESS TO THE CHAMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE USING THEIR IDENTIFICATION CARDS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Joint Committee on
2 Legislative Management shall not operate the personal screening
3 system that was instituted in the Legislative Office Building and at the
4 State Capitol in 2014 unless either: (1) The National Terrorism
5 Advisory System issues an elevated threat alert, or (2) the speaker of
6 the House of Representatives, the president pro tempore of the Senate,
7 the majority and minority leaders of the House of Representatives and
8 the majority and minority leaders of the Senate, after consultation with
9 the chief of the Office of State Capitol Police, authorize, by two-thirds
10 vote, the operation of said system on any given day and only for as
11 long as warranted.

12 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Joint Committee on
13 Legislative Management, in consultation with the chief of the Office of
14 State Capitol Police, shall permit each member of the House of
15 Representatives to access the House chamber and each member of the
16 Senate to access the Senate chamber electronically at all times by using
17 the identification card issued to such member by the Office of State
18 Capitol Police, except during such times as the Office of State Capitol
19 Police restricts access to areas in the Legislative Office Building and the
20 State Capitol due to emergency circumstances.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

APP *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 17 \$	FY 18 \$
Legislative Mgmt.	GF - Savings	325,243	325,243
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits	GF - Savings	36,614	129,902

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill states the Legislative Office Building and State Capitol personal screening system shall not be operational unless the National Terrorism Advisory elevates a threat alert or members of the House and the Senate vote to operate the system.

The Office of Legislative Management would realize a savings of \$325,243 by eliminating six positions to re-align staffing to the levels before the security measures and metal detectors were installed.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OFA Bill Analysis**HB 5419**

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SUMMARY:

The bill prohibits operation of the personal screening system in the Legislative Office Building and at the State Capitol unless certain requirements are met. The bill also allows legislators access to the chambers of the House of Representatives and the Senate electronically with their identification cards.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 55 Nay 0 (04/07/2016)