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Senate Bill 449 (as introduced 4-21-09)
Sponsor: Senator Cameron S. Brown
Committee: Homeland Security and Emerging Technologies

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Commission on Law Enforcement Standards Act to define the term "regularly employed" as being employed by a police force or law enforcement agency for more than 120 hours annually; and authorize the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) to grant a waiver of the 120-hour requirement to a law enforcement agency that demonstrated that the requirement would present an undue burden.

Under the Act, the definition of "police officer" or "law enforcement officer" includes a regularly employed member of a law enforcement agency authorized and established pursuant to law, including common law, who is responsible for the prevention and detection of crime and the enforcement of Michigan's general criminal laws.

A regularly employed person employed on or after January 1, 1977, as a member of a police force having a full-time officer is not empowered to exercise all the authority of a peace officer in Michigan, or be employed in a position for which the authority of a peace officer is conferred by statute, unless he or she has been certified by MCOLES.

MCL 28.602 & 28.609

Legislative Analyst: Julie Cassidy

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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