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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** H. 3566 Amended by House Ways and Means on March 28, 2017  
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**Subject:** Training Program for First Responders to Possess Firearms on School Premises  
**Requestor:** House Ways and Means  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Gardner  
**Impact Date:** March 29, 2017

**Estimate of Fiscal Impact**

|                                  | <b>FY 2017-18</b> | <b>FY 2018-19</b> |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>State Expenditure</b>         |                   |                   |
| General Fund                     | \$0               | \$0               |
| Other and Federal                | Undetermined      | \$0               |
| Full-Time Equivalent Position(s) | 0.00              | 0.00              |
| <b>State Revenue</b>             |                   |                   |
| General Fund                     | \$0               | \$0               |
| Other and Federal                | Undetermined      | \$0               |
| <b>Local Expenditure</b>         | \$0               | \$0               |
| <b>Local Revenue</b>             | \$0               | \$0               |

**Fiscal Impact Summary**

The bill as amended requires a \$9,000 expenditure by the Law Enforcement Training Council (LETC) to develop a training program for school first responders. However, LETC is required to use \$9,000 of its FY 2017-18 appropriation for this purpose, so there is no expenditure impact on the LETC’s budgeted expenditures. The amended bill will have an undetermined expenditure and revenue impact on Other Funds, as the number of participants in the training program cannot be estimated to determine LETC expenditures or participant tuition.

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**Amended by House Ways and Means on March 28, 2017**

**State Expenditure**

The bill as amended allows school first responders to possess a firearm on school premises, if the first responder completes a training program offered by the Law Enforcement Training Council (LETC) and possesses a valid concealed weapons permit. The bill requires LETC to establish the one-week training program using \$9,000 of its FY 2017-18 appropriation. School first responders are responsible for the cost of participation. School first responders are defined as any person who responds to a school emergency.

**Law Enforcement Training Council.**

The bill as amended requires the LETC to develop and offer a training program to certify school first responders to carry a firearm on school premises. The amended bill directs the LETC to use \$9,000 of the agency’s FY 2017-18 appropriation to establish the program and makes first

responders responsible for the costs associated with participating in the training program. The LETC estimates its cost to provide the training as \$593 a participant, provided the participant uses his own weapon and ammunition. The per student cost is based on the approximate cost for one week of basic training. Therefore, the amended bill is expected to impact expenditures by \$9,000 to develop the program and \$593 a participant to provide the training. Because the number of persons who would participate in the program is unknown, the expenditure impact of the amended bill on Other Funds is undetermined.

### **State Revenue**

For a school first responder to possess a firearm on school premises, he or she must possess a valid concealed weapons permit and complete a one-week training program offered by the LETC. Participants in the LETC program are responsible for the costs of the program. LETC estimates the cost for each participant as \$593, provided participants furnish their own weapons and ammunition for the class. LETC is authorized under Section 23-23-80 to retain revenue received for tuition for non-mandated courses and expend it in budgeted operations by existing law. Therefore, this bill would generate Other Funds, but the amount is undetermined because the number of persons who would pursue training cannot be projected.

### **Local Expenditure**

N/A

### **Local Revenue**

N/A



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