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SUMMARY

- Prohibits the Director of Behavioral Health and Director of Developmental Disabilities from prohibiting a special police officer from carrying or possessing a deadly weapon or firearm when on duty on the premises of an institution under the jurisdiction of either department.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Carrying firearm or deadly weapon by special police officer

The bill prohibits both the Director of Behavioral Health and the Director of Developmental Disabilities from prohibiting a special police officer from carrying or possessing a deadly weapon or firearm while the officer is on duty on the premises of an institution under the jurisdiction of either the Department of Behavioral Health or the Department of Developmental Disabilities. The bill applies when a special police officer is on duty at such an institution and is (1) escorting a patient or resident outside of the institution, (2) operating one or more of the institution's metal detectors, or (3) patrolling the institution's grounds.¹

HISTORY

| Action | Date |
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| Introduced | 11-10-25 |

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¹ R.C. 5119.081 and 5123.131.