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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: SB59

Patron: Diggs

Bill Title: Photo speed monitoring devices; photo-monitoring system for traffic signals, proof of violation.

Bill Summary: Authorizes retired sworn law-enforcement officers or registered special conservators of the peace to swear or to affirm certificates for the purposes of enforcement of violations recorded by traffic light signal violation monitoring systems or traffic control device violation monitoring systems or photo speed monitoring devices upon completion of a training course developed and approved by the Department of Criminal Justice Services. The bill requires the Department of Criminal Justice Services to develop, approve, and make available such training course no later than July 1, 2027. The bill also requires law-enforcement officers swearing to or affirming such certificates to complete such training course.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: 391

Explanation: See fiscal analysis

Fiscal Summary: See fiscal analysis

Fiscal Analysis: According to the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), it is expected that the required training development can be absorbed with existing resources. If multiple bills pass requiring similar training or model policy development, then the agency would need to hire one additional position to support the increased workload. DCJS estimates that the workload increase of up to four or five similar bills can be absorbed, dependent on subject matter and complexity.

The estimated annual cost for one criminal justice analyst position to support training or model policy development and regular updates is \$138,621, including salary and benefits.

According to the Department of State Police (VSP), the proposed legislation is not expected to have a material fiscal impact on agency operations.

Other: Similar to HB684