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Sponsor(s): Representatives O'Brien, Sump and Kirby

Brief Description: Authorizing community and technical colleges to appoint special police officers.

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Provides that special police officers, as established under authority of this act, when appointed and duly sworn: (1) Shall be limited authority Washington peace officers and shall have the authority to enforce all criminal laws of the state of Washington, including the power to arrest and issue criminal citations for offenses, while on duty; and

(2) May only exercise such powers while on state-owned community or technical college property and associated buildings, or if in fresh pursuit of a person who has committed a crime on community or technical college property pursuant to RCW 10.93.090.

Provides that such powers shall be terminated upon the removal of the employee from appointment as a special police officer, failure to meet annual refresher training standards, or an arrest or conviction of any felony, crime of violence, controlled substance violation, or offense involving moral turpitude.

Declares that special police officers shall not be authorized to utilize firearms in the performance of their duties.