

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6466

As of February 6, 2014

Title: An act relating to hiring preferences for veterans.

Brief Description: Creating a veteran hiring preference for school district security activities.

Sponsors: Senators Rivers and Roach.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Law & Justice: 2/05/14.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE

Staff: Aldo Melchiori (786-7439)

Background: Public schools use a variety of practices and procedures intended to promote the safety of students and staff. According to the most recent statistics from the U.S. Department of Education, 43 percent of schools reported the presence of one or more security guards, security personnel, school resource officers, or sworn law enforcement officers at their school at least once per week during the school year. About 28 percent of primary schools reported the presence of one or more security staff at their school at least once per week.

Summary of Bill: Preference must be given to veterans when hiring someone to provide school district security activities.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect on July 1, 2014.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: It is difficult to focus on learning when you are concerned about your safety at school. My experience with veterans shows that they can do a good job. Many veterans are coming home and struggling to find employment.

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Persons Testifying: PRO: Senator Rivers, prime sponsor; Elle Winn, citizen.