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House Bill 5055 (Substitute H-2 as passed by the House)

Sponsor: Representative Sarah Lightner

House Committee: Judiciary

Senate Committee: Committee of the Whole

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Legislative Sergeant at Arms Police Powers Act to expand the jurisdiction of House and Senate sergeants at arms to locations in Michigan other than the Capitol and legislative buildings as necessary to provide security for and investigate threats or crimes against a legislative member.

Generally, a sergeant at arms and an assistant sergeant at arms provide police services at the Michigan State Capitol. Each sergeant at arms or assistant sergeant at arms commissioned by the House or Senate as a police officer has the power to enforce rules adopted by that house and the laws of Michigan in the following places:

- -- The capitol building and capitol grounds.
- -- Buildings in which the offices of legislative members or staff are located.
- -- Locations where either house of the legislature or a committee or subcommittee of either house is holding a session, meeting, or public hearing, including a reasonable time before and after the session, meeting, or hearing.
- -- Legislative parking areas.
- -- Areas immediately adjacent to the places described above.

The bill would add to the list above other locations in Michigan only as necessary to provide security for and investigate threats toward or crimes committed against a legislative member.

MCL 4.382 Legislative Analyst: Alex Krabill

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would likely have a negligible fiscal impact on the Legislature. Costs should be absorbable within current appropriations; however, any extenuating circumstances causing the need for additional security outside the Capitol area could require additional supplemental funding. The additional cost is indeterminate and likely would be determined on a case-by-case basis.

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