BILL SUMMARY

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Bill No.: HB 2014
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Impact: \$0 cost to State Dept. of Ed.
Potential costs to school districts

Research Analysis

The CS for HB 2014 specifies that a board of education that adopts a district policy to permit the carrying of a handgun into a public school may pay all necessary training, meal, and lodging expenses associated with the program for all participating school personnel. Authorized school personnel must carry the firearm on their person or store it in a locked and secure location. The CS also lowers the number of hours required in the training program from 120 hours to 40 hours.

The measure directs the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET) to develop a program for the purpose of training school personnel. Participation is voluntary and interested school personnel must have been issued a handgun license pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act to attend the program. Upon successful completion of the program, the measure provides immunity from civil and criminal liability for school personnel who act in good faith. Immunity is also provided to school boards and participating local law enforcement agencies from any act committed by school personnel who are authorized to carry a concealed handgun.

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Fiscal Analysis

State Department of Education

Full PCS1 for HB 2014 creates the Special Reserve School Resource Officer Act. A handgun may be carried into any public elementary or public secondary school by school personnel who have successfully completed a special reserve school resource officer academy, provided that a policy has been adopted by the school district board of education. The academy will be conducted and governed by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET). A school district board of education may pay all necessary associated expenses for participating authorized personnel. The measure has no fiscal impact to the State Department of Education, and potential costs to local school districts choosing to pay for authorized school personnel related expenses.

All associated costs for training school personnel would be paid by the individuals participating in said training. There will be no cost to CLEET.

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Other Considerations
None
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