BILL SUMMARY

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Impact: see analysis below

Research Analysis

The committee substitute to HB 1144 allows the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety to commission one member of the security team of the Oklahoma State Senate and one member of the security team of the Oklahoma House of Representatives as peace officers. Commissioned officers must obtain and maintain certification as full-time peace officers. The Commissioner can revoke or suspend the commission for any reason and the commission will be terminated upon separation of service or reassignment to another position outside of the security team.

The measure gives the commissioned officers certain powers and authority including the power of arrest, enforcement of the criminal laws of this state, search and seizure, and the authority for serving or execution of civil process within the jurisdiction of the Capitol building, grounds, and parking lots. Commissioned officers are also given all the powers of arrest granted to the sergeant at arms as set forth in <u>Title 74 Section 773</u>.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 1144 in its current form authorizes the designation of one member of each body of the Legislature's security detail, as a peace officer. The budgets of both legislative bodies rely entirely on appropriations. Assuming the designations authorized in the measure will be implemented for existing legislative staffing and pay levels there would be no anticipated fiscal impact on the House of Representatives or the Senate; however, if additional officers must be employed, or existing officers would then require additional salary as a peace officer, then additional appropriated funds may be required.

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Other Considerations

None.