



# SENATE BILL 162: LEO Assistance and Protection Act of 2017.

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**OVERVIEW:** *Senate Bill 162 would amend the law to expand and clarify the powers of company police officers.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Company police officers fall into three categories: 1) Campus police officers, 2) Railroad police officers, and 3) Special police officers. While in the performance of their duties of employment, they have the same powers as municipal and county police officers to make arrests for both felonies and misdemeanors and to charge for infractions on any of the following:

1. Real property owned by or in the possession and control of their employer.
2. Real property owned by or in possession and control of a person who has contracted with the employer to provide on-site company police security personnel services for the property.
3. Any other real property while in continuous and immediate pursuit of a person for an offense committed upon property described in 1 or 2.

Campus police officers also have jurisdiction on the portion of any public road or highway passing through or immediately adjoining the property described in 1 or 2.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** Senate Bill 162 would allow company police to:

- Have the same powers as municipal and county police officers on public roads passing through and immediately adjoining public schools, hospitals, or airports where they are employed, including directing traffic.
- Activate blue lights in emergency situations on public roadways.
- Enter into mutual aid agreements with local law enforcement.
- Provide assistance to a law enforcement agency, regardless of the existence of a mutual aid agreement.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act is effective when it becomes law.

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