

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5321

AS OF JANUARY 31, 1991

Brief Description: Permitting community corrections officers to carry firearms.

SPONSORS: Senator Bailey.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE

Staff: Jon Carlson (786-7459)

Hearing Dates: February 5, 1991

BACKGROUND:

Concern for the safety of the Department of Corrections' community corrections officers has prompted recommendations that the officers be allowed to carry firearms for their personal protection.

SUMMARY:

Probation and parole officers are designated as "community corrections officers."

Community corrections officers may, at their discretion, carry firearms during the course of their duties.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: requested January 30, 1991