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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring special security officers at regents
2 institutions to be armed while performing their duties.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 262.13, Code 1999, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 262.13 SECURITY OFFICERS AT INSTITUTIONS AS PEACE
4 OFFICERS.

5 1. The board may authorize any institution under its
6 control to commission one or more of its employees as special
7 security officers.

8 2. Special security officers shall have the powers,
9 privileges, and immunities of regular peace officers when
10 acting in the interests of the institution by which they are
11 employed, and shall carry a weapon while performing their
12 duties, subject to the requirements of section 80A.13.

13 3. The board shall provide as rapidly as practicable for
14 the adequate training of such special security officers at the
15 Iowa law enforcement academy or in an equivalent training
16 program, unless they have already received such training.

17 EXPLANATION

18 This bill provides that special security officers at
19 regents institutions shall carry a weapon while performing
20 their duties. The officer must file with the sheriff of the
21 county in which the campus is located, pursuant to Code
22 section 80A.13, that the person has completed an approved
23 firearms training program under Code section 724.9, and
24 possesses a permit to carry weapons in compliance with Code
25 chapter 724. The employer must also file an affidavit with
26 the sheriff outlining the nature of the duties to be performed
27 and a justification of the need to go armed.

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