

# House Research Act Summary

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## Overview

This act transforms the term "armed employee" into "armed with a firearm" and creates a definition for "armed with a weapon." The act further requires the Board of Private Detectives to provide training for its members in the proper use of firearms and weapons.

- 1 **Armed with a firearm.** Describes an individual "armed with a firearm" as someone who "if at any time in the performance of the individual's duties wears, carries, possesses, or has access to a firearm."
- 2 **Armed with a weapon.** Describes an individual "armed with a weapon" as someone who "if at any time in the performance of the individual's duties wears, carries, possesses, or has access to (1) a weapon other than a firearm or (2) an immobilizing or restraining device."
- 3 **Rules.** Requires the Board for Private Detectives to provide firearm and weapon training to individuals who are "armed with a firearm" or "armed with a weapon." Training includes proper use, the risks and dangers associated with use, first aid, and justifiable use of force and deadly force.
- 4 **Required contents.** Makes two technical changes in the private detective certification section of statute to reflect the two new categories of employees described above: (1) armed with a firearm; and (2) armed with a weapon.