

SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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SB 2172

Security Officers/Detention of Suspects by Senator Crist

Permits a Class D licensed security officer who is on duty, in uniform, and on the premises of the client, and who encounters any person under circumstances that reasonably indicate that such person has committed, is committing, or is about to commit a criminal offense to temporarily detain such person. Requires that the appropriate law enforcement agency be notified. Requires immediate transfer of the alleged offender to responding law enforcement officers' custody. Authorizes the security officer to search such person if there is probable cause to believe the person is armed and poses a threat to the safety of the security officer or any other person. Provides that such search may only be to the extent necessary to disclose the presence of a weapon. Allows for seizure of the weapon or evidence of a criminal offense disclosed in such a search. Requires that seized weapons and evidence be provided to a responding law enforcement officer. (See bill for details)