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# **SB 1004**

Introduced by  
Senator Kavanagh

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 12-299.10, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO COURT SECURITY OFFICERS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:  
2       Section 1. Section 12-299.10, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended  
3 to read:

4           12-299.10. Court security officers; certification; powers and  
5           duties

6       A. Each court may use certified court security officers to ensure  
7 the safety of judicial branch employees, **COURT PARTICIPANTS** and  
8 facilities. A certified court security officer must be an employee of the  
9 judicial branch. The supreme court shall certify court security officers.

10     B. A certified court security officer, in the performance of the  
11 officer's duties, may do all of the following:

12       1. With reasonable cause, detain a person on the premises for a  
13 reasonable time to contact a law enforcement officer and maintain the  
14 safety and well-being of a person who is in a judicial branch facility, on  
15 judicial branch grounds or where a court **OR A MEETING OF JUDICIAL BRANCH**  
16 **EMPLOYEES** is convening.

17       2. Refuse to allow a weapon or unlawful material in a judicial  
18 branch facility, on judicial branch grounds or where a court is convening.

19       3. Respond to threats to and emergencies involving a judicial  
20 branch employee ~~in a judicial branch facility, on judicial branch grounds~~  
21 ~~or where a court is convening~~ **OR A COURT PARTICIPANT, INCLUDING A JUROR,**  
22 **WITNESS OR VICTIM.**

23       4. Receive information from a law enforcement agency regarding  
24 threats to a judicial branch facility or judicial branch grounds or to a  
25 judicial branch employee.

26     C. A certified court security officer is not eligible for  
27 enrollment in the retirement plans established by title 38, chapter 5,  
28 article 4, 4.1, 4.2 or 6 due solely to employment as a certified court  
29 security officer.