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§25-5-18. Firearms; capture of escapees; nonresident private correctional officers.

(a) Private correctional officers of a private contractor shall be authorized to carry and use firearms in the course of their employment only after completing a training course, approved by the commissioner, in the use of firearms in accordance with rules promulgated by the division.

(b) Upon notification by the contractor of an escape from the facility or a disturbance at the facility, the state shall use all reasonable means to recapture escapees or quell any disturbance.

(c) When acting within the scope of their normal employment at the private prison facility, nonresident private correctional officers shall be deemed residents for purposes of section eleven, article six, chapter sixty-one of this code.

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