

Veterans Advocacy for School Safety

MEMORANDUM FOR: Interim Joint Committee on Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Protection

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PURPOSE:

To aid and assist in developing improvements to school safety in the state of Kentucky.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. Brief background on discussion with school officials and need for additional (SRO) School Resource Officer availability.
2. Provide a more direct training path for highly skilled and qualified individuals from prior military and federal law enforcement backgrounds. This will greatly increase the scope of available applicants for SRO positions. Similar abbreviated training has been developed for Court Security. Programs are already in place to incentivize veterans, reference Kentucky Law Enforcement Council M2LE (Military 2 Law Enforcement) program.
3. This would also open a career path for M-Day or regular National Guard status individuals seeking full time employment that will work with drill schedules.
4. Current KRS 70.045 regarding Special Deputies could be easily modified to provide avenue for limited jurisdiction in SRO positions and open channels for paid positions through current state and school funding.