

#### **158.441 Definitions for chapter.**

As used in this chapter:

- (1) "Intervention services" means any preventive, developmental, corrective, supportive services or treatment provided to a student who is at risk of school failure, is at risk of participation in violent behavior or juvenile crime, or has been expelled from the school district. Services may include, but are not limited to, screening to identify students at risk for emotional disabilities and antisocial behavior; direct instruction in academic, social, problem solving, and conflict resolution skills; alternative educational programs; psychological services; identification and assessment of abilities; counseling services; medical services; day treatment; family services; work and community service programs;
- (2) "Kentucky State Police school resource officer" or "KSPSRO" means a Kentucky State Police officer, CVE R Class, or Trooper R Class, as defined in KRS 16.010, who is employed by a school district as a school resource officer, as defined in this section, through a contract as secondary employment for the officer;
- (3) "School activities" means official school functions held on school property, including student attendance days as defined in KRS 158.070, athletic events, and graduation;
- (4) "School property" means any public school building, public school vehicle, public school campus, grounds, recreational area, or athletic field in the charge of the school district;
- (5) "School resource officer" or "SRO" means an officer whose primary job function is to work with youth at a school site as described in KRS 158.4414, who has specialized training to work with youth at a school site pursuant to KRS 158.4414, and who is:
  - (a)
    1. A sworn law enforcement officer certified under KRS 15.380 to 15.404;
    2. A special law enforcement officer appointed pursuant to KRS 61.902 and certified under KRS 15.380 to 15.404; or
    3. A police officer appointed pursuant to KRS 158.471; and
  - (b) Employed:
    1. Through a contract between a local law enforcement agency and a school district;
    2. Through a contract as secondary employment for an officer, as defined in KRS 16.010, between the Department of Kentucky State Police and a school district; or
    3. Directly by a local board of education;
- (6) "School safety" means a program of prevention that protects students and staff from substance abuse, violence, bullying, theft, the sale or use of illegal substances, exposure to weapons and threats on school grounds, and injury from severe weather, fire, and natural disasters; and
- (7) "School security" means procedures followed and measures taken to ensure the security of school buildings, classrooms, and other school facilities and properties.

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- Created 1998 Ky. Acts ch. 493, sec. 2, effective April 10, 1998.

**Legislative Research Commission Note** (3/11/2019). 2019 Ky. Acts ch. 5, sec. 24 states that Sections 1 to 23 of that Act shall be known and may be cited as the School Safety and Resiliency Act. This statute was amended in Section 1 of that Act.