

1 AN ACT relating to school resource officers and making an appropriation therefor.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 158.4414 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) Local boards of education, school district superintendents, administrators of state-
5 controlled facilities, and local and state law enforcement agencies shall cooperate to
6 assign one (1) or more certified school resource officers to serve each ***school in the***
7 ***district***~~[campus where one (1) or more school buildings are used to deliver~~
8 ~~instruction to students on a continuous basis as funds and qualified personnel~~
9 ~~become available].~~

10 (2) ***(a) By July 1, 2025, local boards of education shall ensure, for each school in***
11 ***the district, that at least one (1) certified school resource officer is assigned***
12 ***to and working on-site full-time in each school building.***

13 ***(b) Until July 1, 2025:***

14 ***1. If qualified personnel are not available for this purpose for every***
15 ***school, the local board of education shall fulfill the requirements of***
16 ***this subsection on a per school basis, as approved in writing by the***
17 ***state school security marshal, until a certified school resource officer***
18 ***is assigned to and working on-site full-time in each school in the***
19 ***district; and***

20 ***2. The state school security marshal shall use the incidents listed in KRS***
21 ***158.444(2)(b)1. to determine the necessity for placement of certified***
22 ***school resource officers within the schools of a district as described in***
23 ***subparagraph 1. of this paragraph.***

24 ***(3) The General Assembly shall appropriate funds to the Center for School Safety to***
25 ***cover the costs of providing a full-time certified school resource officer in each***
26 ***school. The Center for School Safety shall disseminate the appropriated funds to***
27 ***districts through the center's school safety grant program.***

1 (4) Local boards of education utilizing a school resource officer employed by a law
2 enforcement agency or the Department of Kentucky State Police shall enter into a
3 memorandum of understanding with the law enforcement agency or the Department
4 of Kentucky State Police that specifically states the purpose of the school resource
5 officer program and clearly defines the roles and expectations of each party
6 involved in the program. The memorandum shall provide that the school resource
7 officer shall not be responsible for school discipline matters that are the
8 responsibility of school administrators or school employees.

9 (5)~~[(3)]~~ Local boards of education utilizing a school resource officer employed
10 directly by the local board of education shall adopt policies and procedures that
11 specifically state the purpose of the school resource officer program and clearly
12 define the roles and expectations of school resource officers and other school
13 employees.

14 (6)~~[(4)]~~ In accordance with KRS 61.926, 527.020, and 527.070, as applicable, each
15 school resource officer shall be armed with a firearm or taser, notwithstanding any
16 provision of local board policy, local school council policy, or memorandum of
17 agreement.

18 (7)~~[(5)]~~ ~~{On or before January 1, 2020, }~~The Kentucky Law Enforcement Council, in
19 collaboration with the Center for School Safety, shall promulgate administrative
20 regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A to establish three (3) levels of
21 training for certification of school resource officers first employed as a school
22 resource officer on or after March 11, 2019: School Resource Officer Training I
23 (SRO I), School Resource Officer Training II (SRO II), and School Resource
24 Officer Training III (SRO III). Each level shall consist of forty (40) hours of
25 training, with SRO I to be completed within one (1) year of the date of the officer's
26 employment and SRO II and SRO III within the subsequent two (2) years.

27 (8)~~[(6)]~~ Course curriculum for school resource officers employed on or after March

1 11, 2019, shall include but not be limited to:

- 2 (a) Foundations of school-based law enforcement;
- 3 (b) Threat assessment and response;
- 4 (c) Youth drug use and abuse;
- 5 (d) Social media and cyber security;
- 6 (e) School resource officers as teachers and mentors;
- 7 (f) Youth mental health awareness;
- 8 (g) Diversity and bias awareness training;
- 9 (h) Trauma-informed action;
- 10 (i) Understanding students with special needs; and
- 11 (j) De-escalation strategies.

12 ~~(9)~~~~(7)~~ ~~[Effective January 1, 2020,]~~All school resource officers with active school
13 resource officer certification status shall successfully complete forty (40) hours of
14 annual in-service training that has been certified or recognized by the Kentucky Law
15 Enforcement Council for school resource officers.

16 ~~(10)~~~~(8)~~ In the event of extenuating circumstances beyond the control of an officer that
17 prevent the officer from completing the in-service training within one (1) year, the
18 commissioner of the Department of Criminal Justice Training or a designee may
19 grant the officer an extension of time, not to exceed one hundred eighty (180) days,
20 in which to complete the training.

21 ~~(11)~~~~(9)~~ Any school resource officer who fails to successfully complete training
22 requirements within the specified time periods, including any approved time
23 extensions, shall lose his or her school resource officer certification and shall no
24 longer serve in the capacity of a school resource officer in a school.

25 ~~(12)~~~~(10)~~ When a school resource officer is deficient in required training, the
26 commissioner of the Department of Criminal Justice Training or his or her designee
27 shall notify the council, which shall notify the officer and the officer's employing

1 agency.

2 (13)~~(11)~~ A school resource officer who has lost school resource officer certification
3 due solely to the officer's failure to meet the training requirements of this section
4 may regain certification status as a school resource officer and may resume service
5 in the capacity of a school resource officer in a school setting upon successful
6 completion of the training deficiency.

7 (14)~~(12)~~ No later than November 1 of each year, the local school district superintendent
8 shall report to the Center for School Safety the number and placement of school
9 resource officers in the district. The report shall include the source of funding and
10 method of employment for each position.