

1 AN ACT relating to school safety.

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, by August 1, 2022, one (1) or more certified school resource officers to  
7 serve each campus where one (1) or more school buildings are used to deliver  
8 instruction to students on a continuous basis.
- 9 (2) Local boards of education shall ensure, for each campus in the district, that at least  
10 one (1) certified school resource officer is assigned to and working on-site full-time  
11 in the school building or buildings on the campus. If sufficient funds and qualified  
12 personnel are not available for this purpose for every campus, the local board of  
13 education shall fulfill the requirements of this subsection on a per campus basis, as  
14 approved in writing by the state school security marshal, until a certified school  
15 resource officer is assigned to and working on-site full-time on each campus in the  
16 district.
- 17 (3) Local boards of education utilizing a school resource officer employed by a law  
18 enforcement agency or the Department of Kentucky State Police shall enter into a  
19 memorandum of understanding with the law enforcement agency or the Department  
20 of Kentucky State Police that specifically states the purpose of the school resource  
21 officer program and clearly defines the roles and expectations of each party  
22 involved in the program. The memorandum shall provide that the school resource  
23 officer shall not be responsible for school discipline matters that are the  
24 responsibility of school administrators or school employees.
- 25 (4) Local boards of education utilizing a school resource officer employed directly by  
26 the local board of education shall adopt policies and procedures that specifically  
27 state the purpose of the school resource officer program and clearly define the roles

- 1 and expectations of school resource officers and other school employees.
- 2 (5) In accordance with KRS 61.926, 527.020, and 527.070, as applicable, each school  
3 resource officer shall be armed with a firearm, notwithstanding any provision of  
4 local board policy, local school council policy, or memorandum of agreement.
- 5 (6) On or before January 1, 2020, the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council, in  
6 collaboration with the Center for School Safety, shall promulgate administrative  
7 regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A to establish three (3) levels of  
8 training for certification of school resource officers first employed as a school  
9 resource officer on or after March 11, 2019: School Resource Officer Training I  
10 (SRO I), School Resource Officer Training II (SRO II), and School Resource  
11 Officer Training III (SRO III). Each level shall consist of forty (40) hours of  
12 training, with SRO I to be completed within one (1) year of the date of the officer's  
13 employment and SRO II and SRO III within the subsequent two (2) years.
- 14 (7) Course curriculum for school resource officers employed on or after March 11,  
15 2019, shall include but not be limited to:
- 16 (a) Foundations of school-based law enforcement;  
17 (b) Threat assessment and response;  
18 (c) Youth drug use and abuse;  
19 (d) Social media and cyber security;  
20 (e) School resource officers as teachers and mentors;  
21 (f) Youth mental health awareness;  
22 (g) Diversity and bias awareness training;  
23 (h) Trauma-informed action;  
24 (i) Understanding students with special needs; and  
25 (j) De-escalation strategies.
- 26 (8) Effective January 1, 2020, all school resource officers with active school resource  
27 officer certification status shall successfully complete forty (40) hours of annual in-

1 service training that has been certified or recognized by the Kentucky Law  
2 Enforcement Council for school resource officers.

3 (9) In the event of extenuating circumstances beyond the control of an officer that  
4 prevent the officer from completing the in-service training within one (1) year, the  
5 commissioner of the Department of Criminal Justice Training or a designee may  
6 grant the officer an extension of time, not to exceed one hundred eighty (180) days,  
7 in which to complete the training.

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

12 (11) When a school resource officer is deficient in required training, the commissioner  
13 of the Department of Criminal Justice Training or his or her designee shall notify  
14 the council, which shall notify the officer and the officer's employing agency.

15 (12) A school resource officer who has lost school resource officer certification due  
16 solely to the officer's failure to meet the training requirements of this section may  
17 regain certification status as a school resource officer and may resume service in the  
18 capacity of a school resource officer in a school setting upon successful completion  
19 of the training deficiency.

20 (13) No later than November 1 of each year, the local school district superintendent shall  
21 report to the Center for School Safety the number and placement of school resource  
22 officers in the district. The report shall include the source of funding and method of  
23 employment for each position.

24 (14) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted or construed to require a local  
25 government or any of its agencies or offices to fund the school resource officer  
26 positions required of local boards of education under this section. For purposes of  
27 this subsection, "local government" has the same meaning as in KRS 65.8840.

1 *(15) Nothing in this section shall prevent a private or parochial school from entering*  
2 *into a memorandum of understanding with a local law enforcement agency or the*  
3 *Department of Kentucky State Police to provide school resource officers*  
4 *employed by the local law enforcement agency or the Department of Kentucky*  
5 *State Police.*