

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to school resource officer programs;  
 3           amending s. 1006.12, F.S.; providing legislative  
 4           findings and intent; encouraging a school resource  
 5           officer to be placed at each public school in the  
 6           district; authorizing a part-time law enforcement  
 7           officer to be a school resource officer or school  
 8           safety officer; providing requirements for the funding  
 9           of certain school resource officers' and school safety  
 10          officers' salaries; amending s. 1002.32, F.S.;  
 11          conforming a cross-reference to changes made by the  
 12          act; providing an effective date.

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 14   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 16           Section 1.   Section 1006.12, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 17           to read:

18           1006.12   School resource officers and school safety  
 19           officers.—

20           (1) The Legislature finds that the safety of students,  
 21           teachers, administrative personnel, and other school staff is of  
 22           the utmost importance and that certified law enforcement  
 23           officers who are proficient with firearms and are trained in  
 24           current law enforcement techniques are an invaluable asset to  
 25           schools in this state. It is the intent of the Legislature to

26 | encourage each district school board to place a school resource  
27 | officer in each school in the district and to mitigate the  
28 | financial burden of doing so.

29 | (2)~~(1)~~ District school boards may establish school  
30 | resource officer programs, through a cooperative agreement with  
31 | law enforcement agencies or in accordance with subsection (3)  
32 | ~~(2)~~, and are encouraged to place at least one school resource  
33 | officer at each public school in the district.

34 | (a) School resource officers shall be certified law  
35 | enforcement officers, as defined in s. 943.10(1), or certified  
36 | part-time law enforcement officers, as defined in s. 943.10(6),  
37 | who are sometimes referred to as reserve officers, who are  
38 | employed by a law enforcement agency as defined in s. 943.10(4).  
39 | The powers and duties of a law enforcement officer or part-time  
40 | law enforcement officer shall continue throughout the employee's  
41 | tenure as a school resource officer.

42 | (b) School resource officers shall abide by district  
43 | school board policies and shall consult with and coordinate  
44 | activities through the school principal, but shall be  
45 | responsible to the law enforcement agency in all matters  
46 | relating to employment, subject to agreements between a district  
47 | school board and a law enforcement agency. Activities conducted  
48 | by the school resource officer which are part of the regular  
49 | instructional program of the school shall be under the direction  
50 | of the school principal.

51            (3) (a) ~~(2) (a)~~ School safety officers shall be law  
52 enforcement officers, as defined in s. 943.10(1), or part-time  
53 law enforcement officers, as defined in s. 943.10(6), who are  
54 sometimes referred to as reserve officers, certified under the  
55 provisions of chapter 943 and employed by either a law  
56 enforcement agency or by the district school board. If the  
57 officer is employed by the district school board, the district  
58 school board is the employing agency for purposes of chapter  
59 943, and must comply with the provisions of that chapter.

60            (b) A district school board may commission one or more  
61 school safety officers for the protection and safety of school  
62 personnel, property, and students within the school district.  
63 The district school superintendent may recommend and the  
64 district school board may appoint one or more school safety  
65 officers.

66            (c) A school safety officer has and shall exercise the  
67 power to make arrests for violations of law on district school  
68 board property and to arrest persons, whether on or off such  
69 property, who violate any law on such property under the same  
70 conditions that deputy sheriffs are authorized to make arrests.  
71 A school safety officer has the authority to carry weapons when  
72 performing his or her official duties.

73            (d) A district school board may enter into mutual aid  
74 agreements with one or more law enforcement agencies as provided  
75 in chapter 23. A school safety officer's salary may be paid

76 jointly by the district school board and the law enforcement  
 77 agency, as mutually agreed to.

78 (4) Fifty percent of the salary of a part-time law  
 79 enforcement officer, as defined in s. 943.10(6), who serves as a  
 80 school resource officer or school safety officer and is hired on  
 81 or after July 1, 2017, shall be provided by the employing  
 82 district school board and law enforcement agency, as applicable,  
 83 and 50 percent shall be as provided in the General  
 84 Appropriations Act.

85 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (10) of section  
 86 1002.32, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

87 1002.32 Developmental research (laboratory) schools.—

88 (10) EXCEPTIONS TO LAW.—To encourage innovative practices  
 89 and facilitate the mission of the lab schools, in addition to  
 90 the exceptions to law specified in s. 1001.23(2), the following  
 91 exceptions shall be permitted for lab schools:

92 (a) The methods and requirements of the following statutes  
 93 shall be held in abeyance: ss. 316.75; 1001.30; 1001.31;  
 94 1001.32; 1001.33; 1001.34; 1001.35; 1001.36; 1001.361; 1001.362;  
 95 1001.363; 1001.37; 1001.371; 1001.372; 1001.38; 1001.39;  
 96 1001.395; 1001.40; 1001.41; 1001.44; 1001.453; 1001.46;  
 97 1001.461; 1001.462; 1001.463; 1001.464; 1001.47; 1001.48;  
 98 1001.49; 1001.50; 1001.51; 1006.12(2) ~~1006.12(1)~~; 1006.21(3),  
 99 (4); 1006.23; 1010.07(2); 1010.40; 1010.41; 1010.42; 1010.43;  
 100 1010.44; 1010.45; 1010.46; 1010.47; 1010.48; 1010.49; 1010.50;

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101 | 1010.51; 1010.52; 1010.53; 1010.54; 1010.55; 1011.02(1)-(3),  
102 | (5); 1011.04; 1011.20; 1011.21; 1011.22; 1011.23; 1011.71;  
103 | 1011.72; 1011.73; and 1011.74.

104 |       Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.