

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to public school safety; amending s.
 3 1006.12, F.S.; requiring district school boards to
 4 establish school resource officer programs; requiring a
 5 school resource officer or school safety officer to be
 6 assigned full-time to each school; providing an effective
 7 date.

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

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 11 Section 1. Section 1006.12, Florida Statutes, is amended
 12 to read:

13 1006.12 School resource officers and school safety
 14 officers.--

15 (1) District school boards shall ~~may~~ establish school
 16 resource officer programs for the protection and safety of
 17 students, school personnel, and school property, through a
 18 cooperative agreement with law enforcement agencies or in
 19 accordance with subsection (2). The program shall provide for a
 20 school resource officer or a school safety officer to be
 21 assigned full-time to each public school in the school district.

22 (a) School resource officers shall be certified law
 23 enforcement officers, as defined in s. 943.10(1), who are
 24 employed by a law enforcement agency as defined in s. 943.10(4).
 25 The powers and duties of a law enforcement officer shall
 26 continue throughout the employee's tenure as a school resource
 27 officer.

28 (b) School resource officers shall abide by district
29 school board policies and shall consult with and coordinate
30 activities through the school principal, but shall be
31 responsible to the law enforcement agency in all matters
32 relating to employment, subject to agreements between a district
33 school board and a law enforcement agency. Activities conducted
34 by the school resource officer which are part of the regular
35 instructional program of the school shall be under the direction
36 of the school principal.

37 (2)(a) School safety officers shall be law enforcement
38 officers, as defined in s. 943.10(1), certified under the
39 provisions of chapter 943 and employed by either a law
40 enforcement agency or by the district school board. If the
41 officer is employed by the district school board, the district
42 school board is the employing agency for purposes of chapter
43 943, and must comply with the provisions of that chapter.

44 ~~(b) A district school board may commission one or more~~
45 ~~school safety officers for the protection and safety of school~~
46 ~~personnel, property, and students within the school district.~~
47 ~~The district school superintendent may recommend and the~~
48 ~~district school board may appoint one or more school safety~~
49 ~~officers.~~

50 (b)(e) A school safety officer has and shall exercise the
51 power to make arrests for violations of law on district school
52 board property and to arrest persons, whether on or off such
53 property, who violate any law on such property under the same
54 conditions that deputy sheriffs are authorized to make arrests.

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55 | A school safety officer has the authority to carry weapons when
56 | performing his or her official duties.

57 | (c)~~(d)~~ A district school board may enter into mutual aid
58 | agreements with one or more law enforcement agencies as provided
59 | in chapter 23. A school safety officer's salary may be paid
60 | jointly by the district school board and the law enforcement
61 | agency, as mutually agreed to.

62 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.