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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to school resource officers and school
3 safety officers; amending s. 1006.12, F.S.; requiring,
4 rather than authorizing, school districts to establish
5 school resource officer programs; providing
6 requirements for the assignment of officers;
7 specifying that auxiliary law enforcement officers may
8 serve as school resource officers and school safety
9 officers; reenacting s. 1002.32(10)(a), F.S., relating
10 to developmental research (laboratory) schools, to
11 incorporate the amendment made to s. 1006.12, F.S., in
12 a reference thereto; 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 to
17 read:

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

20 (1) District school boards shall ~~may~~ establish school
21 resource officer programs, through a cooperative agreement with
22 law enforcement agencies or in accordance with subsection (2).
23 At least one school resource officer or school safety officer
24 must be assigned to each public school campus. At least one
25 school resource officer or school safety officer must be present
26 at each public school campus from one-half hour before the first
27 class is scheduled to begin until one-half hour after the last
28 class ends.

29 (a) School resource officers shall be certified law
30 enforcement officers, as defined in s. 943.10(1), or auxiliary
31 law enforcement officers, as defined in s. 943.10(8), who are
32 employed by a law enforcement agency as defined in s. 943.10(4).

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33 The powers and duties of a law enforcement officer or an
34 auxiliary law enforcement officer shall continue throughout the
35 employee's tenure as a school resource officer.

36 (b) School resource officers shall abide by district school
37 board policies and shall consult with and coordinate activities
38 through the school principal, but shall be responsible to the
39 law enforcement agency in all matters relating to employment,
40 subject to agreements between a district school board and a law
41 enforcement agency. Activities conducted by the school resource
42 officer which are part of the regular instructional program of
43 the school shall be under the direction of the school principal.

44 (2) (a) School safety officers shall be law enforcement
45 officers, as defined in s. 943.10(1), or auxiliary law
46 enforcement officers, as defined in s. 943.10(8), who are
47 certified under ~~the provisions of~~ chapter 943 and employed by
48 either a law enforcement agency or ~~by~~ the district school board.
49 If the officer is employed by the district school board, the
50 district school board is the employing agency for purposes of
51 chapter 943~~7~~, and must comply with ~~the provisions of~~ that
52 chapter.

53 (b) A district school board may commission one or more
54 school safety officers for the protection and safety of school
55 personnel, property, and students within the school district.
56 The district school superintendent may recommend and the
57 district school board may appoint one or more school safety
58 officers.

59 (c) A school safety officer has and shall exercise the
60 power to make arrests for violations of law on district school
61 board property and to arrest persons, whether on or off such

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62 property, who violate any law on such property under the same
63 conditions that deputy sheriffs are authorized to make arrests.
64 A school safety officer has the authority to carry weapons when
65 performing his or her official duties.

66 (d) A district school board may enter into mutual aid
67 agreements with one or more law enforcement agencies as provided
68 in chapter 23. A school safety officer's salary may be paid
69 jointly by the district school board and the law enforcement
70 agency, as mutually agreed to.

71 Section 2. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
72 made by this act to section 1006.12, Florida Statutes, in a
73 reference thereto, paragraph (a) of subsection (10) of section
74 1002.32, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

75 1002.32 Developmental research (laboratory) schools.—

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

80 (a) The methods and requirements of the following statutes
81 shall be held in abeyance: ss. 316.75; 1001.30; 1001.31;
82 1001.32; 1001.33; 1001.34; 1001.35; 1001.36; 1001.361; 1001.362;
83 1001.363; 1001.37; 1001.371; 1001.372; 1001.38; 1001.39;
84 1001.395; 1001.40; 1001.41; 1001.44; 1001.453; 1001.46;
85 1001.461; 1001.462; 1001.463; 1001.464; 1001.47; 1001.48;
86 1001.49; 1001.50; 1001.51; 1006.12(1); 1006.21(3), (4); 1006.23;
87 1010.07(2); 1010.40; 1010.41; 1010.42; 1010.43; 1010.44;
88 1010.45; 1010.46; 1010.47; 1010.48; 1010.49; 1010.50; 1010.51;
89 1010.52; 1010.53; 1010.54; 1010.55; 1011.02(1)-(3), (5);
90 1011.04; 1011.20; 1011.21; 1011.22; 1011.23; 1011.71; 1011.72;

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91 1011.73; and 1011.74.

92 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.