

By Senator Torres

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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 to  
17           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 resource

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30 officer programs, through a cooperative agreement with law  
31 enforcement agencies or in accordance with subsection (3) ~~(2)~~,  
32 and are encouraged to place at least one school resource officer  
33 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 school  
43 board policies and shall consult with and coordinate activities  
44 through the school principal, but shall be responsible to the  
45 law enforcement agency in all matters relating to employment,  
46 subject to agreements between a district school board and a law  
47 enforcement agency. Activities conducted by the school resource  
48 officer which are part of the regular instructional program of  
49 the school shall be under the direction of the school principal.

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

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

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

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

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

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

86 1002.32 Developmental research (laboratory) schools.-

87 (10) EXCEPTIONS TO LAW.-To encourage innovative practices

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88 and facilitate the mission of the lab schools, in addition to  
89 the exceptions to law specified in s. 1001.23(2), the following  
90 exceptions shall be permitted for lab schools:

91 (a) The methods and requirements of the following statutes  
92 shall be held in abeyance: ss. 316.75; 1001.30; 1001.31;  
93 1001.32; 1001.33; 1001.34; 1001.35; 1001.36; 1001.361; 1001.362;  
94 1001.363; 1001.37; 1001.371; 1001.372; 1001.38; 1001.39;  
95 1001.395; 1001.40; 1001.41; 1001.44; 1001.453; 1001.46;  
96 1001.461; 1001.462; 1001.463; 1001.464; 1001.47; 1001.48;  
97 1001.49; 1001.50; 1001.51; 1006.12(2) ~~1006.12(1)~~; 1006.21(3),  
98 (4); 1006.23; 1010.07(2); 1010.40; 1010.41; 1010.42; 1010.43;  
99 1010.44; 1010.45; 1010.46; 1010.47; 1010.48; 1010.49; 1010.50;  
100 1010.51; 1010.52; 1010.53; 1010.54; 1010.55; 1011.02(1)-(3),  
101 (5); 1011.04; 1011.20; 1011.21; 1011.22; 1011.23; 1011.71;  
102 1011.72; 1011.73; and 1011.74.

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