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31	24(a), Article I of the State Constitution. School security and
32	student safety are fundamental priorities in this state. Private
33	schools should be provided options for a security presence
34	similar to that established for school districts. To maximize
35	the effectiveness of the presence of safe-school officers as a
36	deterrent and in their role as first responders to incidents
37	threatening the lives of students and school staff, safe-school
38	officers may perform their school-related duties while carrying
39	a weapon. Disclosure of the identity of a safe-school officer
40	can affect his or her ability to adequately respond to an active
41	assailant situation. Accordingly, it is necessary to protect the
42	identity of safe-school officers from public records
43	requirements in order to effectively and efficiently implement
44	the purpose and intent of the program. Such personal identifying
45	information of an individual assigned as a safe-school officer
46	which is held by a law enforcement agency or public school is
47	currently exempt from public records requirements.
48	Section 3. This act shall take effect on the same date that
49	SB 150 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation
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50 is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension 51 thereof and becomes a law.

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