

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Police Training Act is amended by
5 adding Section 10.22 as follows:

6 (50 ILCS 705/10.22 new)

7 Sec. 10.22. School resource officers.

8 (a) The Board shall develop or approve a course for school
9 resource officers as defined in Section 10-20.67 of the School
10 Code.

11 (b) The school resource officer course shall be developed
12 within one year after the effective date of this amendatory Act
13 of the 100th General Assembly and shall be created in
14 consultation with organizations demonstrating expertise and or
15 experience in the areas of youth and adolescent developmental
16 issues, educational administrative issues, prevention of child
17 abuse and exploitation, youth mental health treatment, and
18 juvenile advocacy.

19 (c) The Board shall develop a process allowing law
20 enforcement agencies to request a waiver of this training
21 requirement for any specific individual assigned as a school
22 resource officer. Applications for these waivers may be
23 submitted by a local law enforcement agency chief administrator

1 for any officer whose prior training and experience may qualify
2 for a waiver of the training requirement of this subsection
3 (c). The Board may issue a waiver at its discretion, based
4 solely on the prior training and experience of an officer.

5 (d) Upon completion, the employing agency shall be issued a
6 certificate attesting to a specific officer's completion of the
7 school resource officer training. Additionally, a letter of
8 approval shall be issued to the employing agency for any
9 officer who is approved for a training waiver under this
10 subsection (d).

11 Section 10. The School Code is amended by adding Section
12 10-20.67 as follows:

13 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.67 new)

14 Sec. 10-20.67. School resource officer.

15 (a) In this Section, "school resource officer" means a law
16 enforcement officer who has been primarily assigned to a school
17 or school district under an agreement with a local law
18 enforcement agency.

19 (b) Beginning January 1, 2021, any law enforcement agency
20 that provides a school resource officer under this Section
21 shall provide to the school district a certificate of
22 completion, or approved waiver, issued by the Illinois Law
23 Enforcement Training Standards Board under Section 10.22 of the
24 Illinois Police Training Act indicating that the subject

1 officer has completed the requisite course of instruction in
2 the applicable subject areas within one year of assignment, or
3 has prior experience and training which satisfies this
4 requirement.

5 (c) In an effort to defray the related costs, any law
6 enforcement agency that provides a school resource officer
7 should apply for grant funding through the federal Community
8 Oriented Policing Services grant program.