



## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

HB2235

by Rep. Dan Caulkins

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

50 ILCS 705/10.22  
105 ILCS 5/10-20.68

Amends the Illinois Police Training Act to provide that the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board may offer a school resource officer course to a qualified retired law enforcement officer. Provides that nothing in the school resource officer course provision prohibits a school resource officer or qualified retired law enforcement officer from carrying a firearm. Amends the School Code. Provides that beginning January 1, 2021, a school or school district may employ a qualified retired law enforcement officer who obtains a certificate of completion or approved waiver under the Illinois Police Training Act to carry out the duties of a school resource officer. Makes a conforming change. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning education.

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 changing Section 10.22 as follows:

6 (50 ILCS 705/10.22)

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 10-20.68 ~~10-20.67~~ of  
10 the School Code.

11 (b) The school resource officer course shall be developed  
12 within one year after January 1, 2019 (the effective date of  
13 Public Act 100-984) ~~this amendatory Act of the 100th General~~  
14 ~~Assembly~~ and shall be created in consultation with  
15 organizations demonstrating expertise and or experience in the  
16 areas of youth and adolescent developmental issues,  
17 educational administrative issues, prevention of child abuse  
18 and exploitation, youth mental health treatment, and juvenile  
19 advocacy.

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

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

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

12 (e) The Board may offer the school resource officer course  
13 developed under this Section to a qualified retired law  
14 enforcement officer, as defined under the federal Law  
15 Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004, for the purpose of  
16 employment at a school or school district and may issue, for  
17 such purpose, a certificate or waiver in the same manner as  
18 provided under this Section for any other officer.

19 (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
20 contrary, nothing in this Section prohibits a school resource  
21 officer or qualified retired law enforcement officer from  
22 carrying a firearm.

23 (Source: P.A. 100-984, eff. 1-1-19; revised 10-22-18.)

24 Section 10. The School Code is amended by renumbering and  
25 changing Section 10-20.67, as added by Public Act 100-984, as

1 follows:

2 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.68)

3 Sec. 10-20.68 ~~10-20.67~~. School resource officer.

4 (a) In this Section, "school resource officer" means a law  
5 enforcement officer who has been primarily assigned to a school  
6 or school district under an agreement with a local law  
7 enforcement agency.

8 (b) Beginning January 1, 2021, any law enforcement agency  
9 that provides a school resource officer under this Section  
10 shall provide to the school district a certificate of  
11 completion, or approved waiver, issued by the Illinois Law  
12 Enforcement Training Standards Board under Section 10.22 of the  
13 Illinois Police Training Act indicating that the subject  
14 officer has completed the requisite course of instruction in  
15 the applicable subject areas within one year of assignment, or  
16 has prior experience and training which satisfies this  
17 requirement.

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

22 (d) Beginning January 1, 2021, a school or school district  
23 may employ a qualified retired law enforcement officer, as  
24 defined under the federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act  
25 of 2004, who obtains a certificate of completion or approved

1 waiver under Section 10.22 of the Illinois Police Training Act  
2 to carry out the duties of a school resource officer.

3 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
4 contrary, nothing in this Section prohibits a school resource  
5 officer or qualified retired law enforcement officer from  
6 carrying a firearm.

7 (Source: P.A. 100-984, eff. 1-1-19; revised 10-22-18.)

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
9 becoming law.