



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SB1605

Introduced 2/8/2023, by Sen. Chapin Rose

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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

Amends the Illinois Police Training Act. Provides that the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board may offer the school resource officer course to a qualified retired law enforcement officer for the purpose of employment at a school or school district and may issue a certificate or waiver for the school resource officer course in the same manner as provided for any other officer. Amends the School Code. Provides that, beginning January 1, 2024, 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. Provides that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, a school resource officer may carry a firearm during the performance of the officer's duties at a school or in a school district. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning schools.

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 of the School
10 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) and shall be created in consultation with
14 organizations demonstrating expertise and or experience in the
15 areas of youth and adolescent developmental issues,
16 educational administrative issues, prevention of child abuse
17 and exploitation, youth mental health treatment, and juvenile
18 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

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

6 (d) Upon completion, the employing agency shall be issued
7 a certificate attesting to a specific officer's completion of
8 the school resource officer training. Additionally, a letter
9 of 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 that term is defined under the federal
15 Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004, for the purpose
16 of employment at a school or school district and may issue a
17 certificate or waiver for the school resource officer course
18 in the same manner as provided under this Section for any other
19 officer.

20 (Source: P.A. 101-81, eff. 7-12-19; 101-652, eff. 1-1-22;
21 102-694, eff. 1-7-22.)

22 Section 10. The School Code is amended by changing
23 Section 10-20.68 as follows:

24 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.68)

1 Sec. 10-20.68. School resource officer.

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

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

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

20 (d) Beginning January 1, 2024, a school or school district
21 may employ a qualified retired law enforcement officer, as
22 that term is defined under the federal Law Enforcement
23 Officers Safety Act of 2004, who obtains a certificate of
24 completion or approved waiver under Section 10.22 of the
25 Illinois Police Training Act to carry out the duties of a
26 school resource officer.

1 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a school
2 resource officer may carry a firearm during the performance of
3 the officer's duties at a school or in a school district.

4 (Source: P.A. 100-984, eff. 1-1-19; 101-81, eff. 7-12-19.)

5 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
6 becoming law.