

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to school resource officers and school
 3 safety officers; amending s. 1006.12, F.S.; requiring,
 4 rather than authorizing, school districts to establish
 5 school resource officer programs; providing
 6 requirements for the assignment of officers;
 7 specifying that auxiliary law enforcement officers may
 8 serve as school resource officers and school safety
 9 officers; providing an effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13 Section 1. Section 1006.12, Florida Statutes, is amended
 14 to read:

15 1006.12 School resource officers and school safety
 16 officers.—

17 (1) District school boards shall ~~may~~ establish school
 18 resource officer programs, through a cooperative agreement with
 19 law enforcement agencies or in accordance with subsection (2).
 20 At least one school resource officer or school safety officer
 21 shall be assigned to each public school campus. At least one
 22 school resource officer or school safety officer shall be
 23 present at each public school campus from one-half hour before
 24 the first class is scheduled to begin until one-half hour after
 25 the last class ends.

26 (a) School resource officers shall be certified law

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27 enforcement officers, as defined in s. 943.10(1), or auxiliary
28 law enforcement officers, as defined in s. 943.10(8), who are
29 employed by a law enforcement agency as defined in s. 943.10(4).
30 The powers and duties of a law enforcement officer or an
31 auxiliary law enforcement officer shall continue throughout the
32 employee's tenure as a school resource officer.

33 (b) School resource officers shall abide by district
34 school board policies and shall consult with and coordinate
35 activities through the school principal, but shall be
36 responsible to the law enforcement agency in all matters
37 relating to employment, subject to agreements between a district
38 school board and a law enforcement agency. Activities conducted
39 by the school resource officer which are part of the regular
40 instructional program of the school shall be under the direction
41 of the school principal.

42 (2)(a) School safety officers shall be law enforcement
43 officers, as defined in s. 943.10(1), or auxiliary law
44 enforcement officers, as defined in s. 943.10(8), who are
45 certified under ~~the provisions of~~ chapter 943 and employed by
46 either a law enforcement agency or ~~by~~ the district school board.
47 If the officer is employed by the district school board, the
48 district school board is the employing agency for purposes of
49 chapter 943~~7~~ and must comply with ~~the provisions of~~ that
50 chapter.

51 (b) A district school board may commission one or more
52 school safety officers for the protection and safety of school

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53 personnel, property, and students within the school district.
54 The district school superintendent may recommend and the
55 district school board may appoint one or more school safety
56 officers.

57 (c) A school safety officer has and shall exercise the
58 power to make arrests for violations of law on district school
59 board property and to arrest persons, whether on or off such
60 property, who violate any law on such property under the same
61 conditions that deputy sheriffs are authorized to make arrests.
62 A school safety officer has the authority to carry weapons when
63 performing his or her official duties.

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

69 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.