



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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by Rep. Bill Mitchell

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

50 ILCS 705/10.22
105 ILCS 5/10-20.67

If and only if Senate Bill 2925 of the 100th General Assembly becomes law (in the form in which it passed both houses), 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. If and only if Senate Bill 2925 of the 100th General Assembly becomes law (in the form in which it passed both houses), 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 or on the date Senate Bill 2925 of the 100th General Assembly takes effect, whichever is later.

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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. If and only if Senate Bill 2925 of the 100th
5 General Assembly becomes law in the form in which it passed
6 both houses on May 25, 2018, then the Illinois Police Training
7 Act is amended by changing Section 10.22 as follows:

8 (50 ILCS 705/10.22)

9 Sec. 10.22. School resource officer.

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

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

21 (c) The Board shall develop a process allowing law
22 enforcement agencies to request a waiver of this training
23 requirement for any specific individual assigned as a school

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

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

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

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

24 (Source: 100SB2925enr.)

25 Section 10. If and only if Senate Bill 2925 of the 100th

1 General Assembly becomes law in the form in which it passed
2 both houses on May 25, 2018, then the School Code is amended by
3 changing Section 10-20.67 as follows:

4 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.67)

5 Sec. 10-20.67. School resource officer.

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

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

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

24 (d) Beginning January 1, 2021, a school or school district
25 may employ a qualified retired law enforcement officer, as

1 defined under the federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act
2 of 2004, who obtains a certificate of completion or approved
3 waiver under Section 10.22 of the Illinois Police Training Act
4 to carry out the duties of a school resource officer.

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

9 (Source: 100SB2925enr.)

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
11 becoming law or on the date Senate Bill 2925 of the 100th
12 General Assembly takes effect, whichever is later.