



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

HB1624

Introduced 2/1/2023, by Rep. Ryan Spain

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, 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. 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 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 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. 101-81, eff. 7-12-19; 101-652, eff. 1-1-22;
24 102-694, eff. 1-7-22.)

25 Section 10. The School Code is amended by changing

1 Section 10-20.68 as follows:

2 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.68)

3 Sec. 10-20.68. School resource officer.

4 (a) In this Section, "school resource officer" means a law
5 enforcement officer who has been primarily assigned to a
6 school 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
13 the 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, 2024, 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; 101-81, eff. 7-12-19.)

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