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By: **Delegate Cluster**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Primary and Secondary Education – Security – School Resource Officers**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing certain authorized persons of certain public schools in the
4 State to deny access to certain school areas to certain persons; authorizing certain
5 authorized persons to demand certain identification from any person who wants to
6 use or enter certain school areas; authorizing the county board of certain public
7 schools to enter into an agreement with an appropriate law enforcement agency to
8 carry out certain activities under certain circumstances; providing penalties for a
9 certain violation; requiring that a certain number of school resource officers be
10 assigned to certain public schools in the State; requiring certain public schools to
11 hire retired law enforcement officers to serve as school resource officers for the
12 school; requiring certain school resource officers to obtain a special police officer
13 commission issued by the Department of State Police; requiring the county
14 superintendent to submit an application to the Secretary of State Police for a special
15 police commission for each school resource officer hired; establishing that a school
16 resource officer hired under this Act is a contractual employee of the State, is entitled
17 to State workers' compensation benefits, and is to receive at least a certain salary;
18 requiring the State to reimburse certain local education agencies for certain
19 expenditures relating to this Act; providing that funds used to reimburse local
20 education agencies shall be paid from the Education Trust Fund from funds allocated
21 from a certain source; making certain stylistic changes; defining certain terms;
22 repealing certain duplicative provisions; and generally relating to school resource
23 officers.

24 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
25 Article – Education
26 Section 1–101(a), (c), (d), (e), (f), and (k)
27 Annotated Code of Maryland
28 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 BY adding to
2 Article – Education
3 Section 7–437 and 7–1701 through 7–1705 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 17.
4 School Resource Officers”
5 Annotated Code of Maryland
6 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Education
9 Section 26–102
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – State Government
14 Section 9–1A–30
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2014 Replacement Volume)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Education**

20 1–101.

21 (a) In this article, unless the context requires otherwise, the following words have
22 the meanings indicated.

23 (c) “County” means a county of this State and includes Baltimore City.

24 (d) “County board” means the board of education of a county and includes the
25 Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners.

26 (e) “County superintendent” means the county superintendent of schools of a
27 county and includes the Chief Executive Officer of the Baltimore City Board of School
28 Commissioners.

29 (f) “Department” means the State Department of Education.

30 (k) “Public schools” means the schools in the public elementary and secondary
31 education system of this State.

32 **7–437.**

33 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER” MEANS:

1 (1) A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AS DEFINED UNDER §
2 3-101(E) OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE WHO HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO A SCHOOL
3 IN ACCORDANCE WITH A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CHIEF
4 OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AS DEFINED UNDER § 3-101(B) OF THE PUBLIC
5 SAFETY ARTICLE AND THE LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY; OR

6 (2) A SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER AS DEFINED UNDER § 3-301(D) OF
7 THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE WHO HAS BEEN HIRED BY A COUNTY
8 SUPERINTENDENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 7-1703(B) OF THIS TITLE.

9 (B) THE COUNTY BOARD, COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT, PRINCIPAL, OR
10 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER OF ANY PUBLIC SCHOOL, OR A PERSON DESIGNATED
11 IN WRITING BY THE BOARD OR ANY OF THESE PERSONS, MAY DENY ACCESS TO THE
12 BUILDINGS OR GROUNDS OF THE SCHOOL TO ANY OTHER PERSON WHO:

13 (1) IS NOT A BONA FIDE, CURRENTLY REGISTERED STUDENT, OR
14 STAFF OR FACULTY MEMBER AT THE SCHOOL, AND WHO DOES NOT HAVE LAWFUL
15 BUSINESS TO PURSUE AT THE SCHOOL;

16 (2) IS A BONA FIDE, CURRENTLY REGISTERED STUDENT AT THE
17 SCHOOL AND HAS BEEN SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED FROM THE SCHOOL, FOR THE
18 DURATION OF THE SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION; OR

19 (3) ACTS IN A MANNER THAT DISRUPTS OR DISTURBS THE NORMAL
20 EDUCATIONAL FUNCTIONS OF THE SCHOOL.

21 (C) ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL, AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES OF ANY
22 PUBLIC SCHOOL, AND PERSONS DESIGNATED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION
23 MAY DEMAND IDENTIFICATION AND EVIDENCE OF QUALIFICATION FROM ANY
24 PERSON WHO DESIRES TO USE OR ENTER THE PREMISES OF THE SCHOOL.

25 (D) THE COUNTY BOARD OF ANY PUBLIC SCHOOL MAY ENTER INTO AN
26 AGREEMENT WITH APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO CARRY OUT THE
27 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THIS SECTION WHEN:

28 (1) THE SCHOOL IS CLOSED; OR

29 (2) NONE OF THE PERSONS DESIGNATED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS
30 SECTION ARE PRESENT IN THE BUILDINGS OR ON THE GROUNDS OF THE SCHOOL.

31 (E) A PERSON IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS
32 SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000, IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 6
33 MONTHS, OR BOTH IF THE PERSON:

1 **(1) TRESPASSES ON THE GROUNDS OF ANY PUBLIC SCHOOL;**

2 **(2) FAILS OR REFUSES TO LEAVE THE GROUNDS OF ANY PUBLIC**
3 **SCHOOL AFTER BEING REQUESTED TO DO SO BY A PERSON DESIGNATED IN**
4 **SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION AS BEING AUTHORIZED TO DENY ACCESS TO THE**
5 **BUILDINGS OR GROUNDS OF THE SCHOOL; OR**

6 **(3) WILLFULLY DAMAGES OR DEFACTS ANY BUILDING, FURNISHING,**
7 **STATUE, MONUMENT, MEMORIAL, TREE, SHRUB, GRASS, OR FLOWER ON THE**
8 **GROUNDS OF ANY PUBLIC SCHOOL.**

9 **SUBTITLE 17. SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS.**

10 **7-1701.**

11 **IN THIS SUBTITLE, “SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER” MEANS:**

12 **(1) A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AS DEFINED UNDER §**
13 **3-101(E) OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE WHO HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO A SCHOOL**
14 **IN ACCORDANCE WITH A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CHIEF**
15 **OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AS DEFINED UNDER § 3-101(B) OF THE PUBLIC**
16 **SAFETY ARTICLE AND THE LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY; OR**

17 **(2) A SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER AS DEFINED UNDER § 3-301(D) OF**
18 **THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE WHO HAS BEEN HIRED BY A COUNTY**
19 **SUPERINTENDENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 7-1703(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

20 **7-1702.**

21 **THIS SUBTITLE DOES NOT APPLY TO A PUBLIC SCHOOL THAT HAD AT LEAST**
22 **ONE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER ASSIGNED TO THE SCHOOL DURING THE**
23 **2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR.**

24 **7-1703.**

25 **(A) AT LEAST ONE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER SHALL BE ASSIGNED TO**
26 **EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE STATE.**

27 **(B) IF A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE STATE DOES NOT HAVE AT LEAST ONE**
28 **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER ASSIGNED TO THE SCHOOL AS OF AUGUST 1, 2015, THE**
29 **COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF THE SCHOOL SHALL HIRE A RETIRED LAW**

1 ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO SERVE AS A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER FOR THE
2 SCHOOL.

3 7-1704.

4 (A) (1) EACH SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER HIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
5 § 7-1703(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE SHALL OBTAIN A SPECIAL POLICE COMMISSION AS
6 DEFINED IN §§ 3-301(C) AND 3-307 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE.

7 (2) THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT SHALL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION
8 TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE POLICE FOR A SPECIAL POLICE COMMISSION IN
9 ACCORDANCE WITH § 3-304 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE FOR EACH SCHOOL
10 RESOURCE OFFICER THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT HIRES.

11 (B) A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER HIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
12 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL:

13 (1) BE A CONTRACTUAL EMPLOYEE OF THE STATE;

14 (2) BE ENTITLED TO STATE WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS;
15 AND

16 (3) RECEIVE A SALARY OF NO LESS THAN \$25 PER HOUR.

17 (C) (1) A LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT
18 FROM THE STATE FOR ALL EXPENDITURES NECESSARY TO MEET THE
19 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

20 (2) ANY FUNDS USED TO REIMBURSE A LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY
21 SHALL BE PAID FROM THE EDUCATION TRUST FUND FROM THE FUNDS ALLOCATED
22 UNDER § 9-1A-27 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

23 7-1705.

24 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT
25 THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

26 26-102.

27 [(a) In this section, "school resource officer" means a law enforcement officer as
28 defined under § 3-101(e) of the Public Safety Article who has been assigned to a school in
29 accordance with a memorandum of understanding between the chief of a law enforcement
30 agency as defined under § 3-101(b) of the Public Safety Article and the local education
31 agency.

1 **(b)] (A)** The governing board[, **OR THE** president[, superintendent, principal,
2 or school resource officer] of any public institution of [elementary, secondary, or] higher
3 education, or a person designated in writing by the board or [any of these persons] **THE**
4 **PRESIDENT**, may deny access to the buildings or grounds of the institution to any other
5 person who:

6 (1) Is not a bona fide, currently registered student, or staff or faculty
7 member at the institution, and who does not have lawful business to pursue at the
8 institution;

9 (2) Is a bona fide, currently registered student at the institution and has
10 been suspended or expelled from the institution, for the duration of the suspension or
11 expulsion; or

12 (3) Acts in a manner that disrupts or disturbs the normal educational
13 functions of the institution.

14 **[(c)] (B)** Administrative personnel, authorized employees of any public
15 institution of [elementary, secondary, or] higher education, and persons designated in
16 subsection **[(b)] (A)** of this section may demand identification and evidence of qualification
17 from any person who desires to use or enter the premises of the institution.

18 **[(d)] (C)** The governing board of any public institution of [elementary,
19 secondary, or] higher education may enter into an agreement with appropriate law
20 enforcement agencies to carry out the responsibilities of this section when:

21 (1) The institution is closed; or

22 (2) None of the persons designated in subsection **[(b)] (A)** of this section are
23 present in the buildings or on the grounds of the institution.

24 **[(e)] (D)** A person is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a
25 fine not exceeding \$1,000, imprisonment not exceeding 6 months, or both if [he] **THE**
26 **PERSON**:

27 (1) Trespasses on the grounds of any public institution of [elementary,
28 secondary, or] higher education;

29 (2) Fails or refuses to leave the grounds of any of these institutions after
30 being requested to do so by a person designated in subsection **[(b)] (A)** of this section as
31 being authorized to deny access to the buildings or grounds of the institution; or

32 (3) Willfully damages or defaces any building, furnishing, statue,
33 monument, memorial, tree, shrub, grass, or flower on the grounds of any of these
34 institutions.

