

SENATE BILL 1226

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Primary and Secondary Schools – Armed School Resource Officers**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring each public school to have an armed school resource officer
4 present on school grounds during certain times; requiring the Department of State
5 Police to assign a State Police officer to a certain public school under certain
6 circumstances; requiring a certain State Police officer to be present on school grounds
7 during certain times under certain circumstances and to carry a firearm; authorizing
8 a private school to have an armed school resource officer present on school grounds;
9 defining a certain term; and generally relating to armed school resource officers at
10 primary and secondary schools.

11 BY adding to

12 Article – Education

13 Section 7–441

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Education**

19 **7–441.**

20 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “ARMED SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER” MEANS AN**
21 **INDIVIDUAL WHO CARRIES A FIREARM IN THE INDIVIDUAL’S CAPACITY AS:**

22 **(1) A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER, AS DEFINED IN § 26–102 OF THIS**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 ARTICLE;

2 (2) A BALTIMORE CITY SCHOOL POLICE OFFICER, AS DEFINED IN §
3 4-318 OF THIS ARTICLE; OR

4 (3) ANY OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ASSIGNED TO A PUBLIC
5 SCHOOL.

6 (B) EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL HAVE AN ARMED SCHOOL RESOURCE
7 OFFICER PRESENT ON SCHOOL GROUNDS DURING REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS ON
8 SCHOOL DAYS.

9 (C) (1) IF A PUBLIC SCHOOL IS UNABLE TO MEET THE REQUIREMENT
10 UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE
11 SHALL ASSIGN A STATE POLICE OFFICER TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

12 (2) A STATE POLICE OFFICER ASSIGNED TO A PUBLIC SCHOOL
13 UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL:

14 (I) BE PRESENT ON SCHOOL GROUNDS DURING REGULAR
15 SCHOOL HOURS ON SCHOOL DAYS; AND

16 (II) CARRY A FIREARM.

17 (D) A PRIVATE SCHOOL MAY HAVE AN ARMED SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER
18 PRESENT ON SCHOOL GROUNDS.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
20 1, 2018.