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House Bill 1513
Ways and Means

(Delegate Ebersole, *et al.*)

**Public Schools - School Security Personnel - Prohibition of Immigration
Investigation and Enforcement Functions**

This bill prohibits a school resource officer (SRO) or school security employee at a public school from being used for or otherwise engaging in a federal immigration investigation or enforcement function under the federal Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). **The bill takes effect July 1, 2025.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill does not directly affect governmental operations or finances.

Local Effect: Any change in local school system activities does not directly affect local finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law:

School Resource Officers and Security Employees

An SRO is (1) a law enforcement officer who has been assigned to a school in accordance with a memorandum of understanding between the local school system and local law enforcement agency or (2) a Baltimore City school police officer.

A school security employee is an individual who is not an SRO and is employed by a local school system to provide safety and security-related services at a public school.

Federal Immigration and Nationality Act

Relevant provisions of INA authorize the U.S. Attorney General to enter into a written agreement with a state or political subdivision under which an officer or employee of the state or subdivision may carry out immigration-related functions, including investigation, apprehension, or detention of undocumented individuals at the expense of the state or political subdivision and to the extent consistent with state or local law. In carrying out such functions, the state or local officer or employee is subject to the direction and supervision of the U.S. Attorney General. The INA provisions may not be construed to require any state or subdivision to enter into such an agreement with the U.S. Attorney General.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Office of the Attorney General; Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts); Maryland State Department of Education; Maryland Center for School Safety; Department of State Police; Baltimore City Public Schools; Baltimore County Public Schools; Montgomery County Public Schools; Department of Legislative Services

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