



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

SB2788

Introduced 1/13/2026, by Sen. Darby A. Hills

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.06 new
105 ILCS 5/10-20.68

Amends the School Code. Requires, subject to appropriation, the State Board of Education, in consultation with the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board, to establish the School Resource Officer Grant Program to fund salaries and any other costs associated with the hiring of an active law enforcement officer as a school resource officer. Provides that eligible entities are schools or school districts that have hired an active law enforcement officer as a school resource officer and the law enforcement agency or agencies that a school or school district has an intergovernmental agreement with to employ a school resource officer. Provides that any funds distributed to an eligible entity under the Program shall be equally distributed between the eligible entities in an intergovernmental agreement to employ a school resource officer. Allows the State Board of Education, in consultation with the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board, to adopt rules as needed for the Program's implementation and the distribution of grants. Makes a conforming change.

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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 School Code is amended by adding Section
5 2-3.06 and by changing Section 10-20.68 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.06 new)

7 Sec. 2-3.06. School Resource Officer Grant Program.
8 Subject to appropriation, the State Board of Education, in
9 consultation with the Illinois Law Enforcement Training
10 Standards Board, shall establish the School Resource Officer
11 Grant Program to fund salaries and any other costs associated
12 with the hiring of an active law enforcement officer as a
13 school resource officer. Eligible entities are schools or
14 school districts that have hired an active law enforcement
15 officer as a school resource officer and the law enforcement
16 agency or agencies that a school or school district has an
17 intergovernmental agreement with to employ a school resource
18 officer. Any funds distributed to an eligible entity under the
19 Program shall be equally distributed between the eligible
20 entities in the intergovernmental agreement to employ a school
21 resource officer.

22 The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
23 Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board, may adopt

1 rules as needed for the Program's implementation and the
2 distribution of grants under this Section.

3 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.68)

4 Sec. 10-20.68. School resource officer.

5 (a) In this Section, "school resource officer" means an
6 active ~~a~~ law enforcement officer who has been primarily
7 assigned to a school or school district under a memorandum of
8 understanding between a local law enforcement agency and a
9 school district.

10 (a-5) Beginning July 1, 2026, a memorandum of
11 understanding between a local law enforcement agency and a
12 school district is required for any school district that uses
13 a school resource officer. The memorandum of understanding
14 shall include provisions that:

15 (1) define the role, duties, and responsibilities of a
16 school resource officer;

17 (2) specify procedures to ensure that a school
18 resource officer has been trained or has received a waiver
19 for training, as provided in Section 10.22 of the Illinois
20 Police Training Act, including specific training on
21 working with students with disabilities to ensure
22 appropriate and effective interactions that support their
23 educational and behavioral needs;

24 (3) specify that a school resource officer is
25 prohibited from issuing tickets or citations on school

1 property in accordance with subsection (i) of Section
2 10-22.6;

3 (4) outline a process for data collection and
4 reporting in accordance with Section 2-3.206; and

5 (5) provide for regular review and evaluation of the
6 school resource officer program, including community and
7 stakeholder input.

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

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

21 (d) Any school or school district that hires an active law
22 enforcement officer as a school resource officer shall be
23 reimbursed for salary and additional costs through the School
24 Resource Officer Grant Program established by the State Board
25 of Education.

26 (Source: P.A. 104-430, eff. 8-20-25.)