



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

SB2924

Introduced 10/13/2021, by Sen. Chapin Rose, Donald P. DeWitte and Terri Bryant

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

50 ILCS 705/10.22  
105 ILCS 5/10-20.68

Amends the Illinois Police Training Act. Provides that the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board may offer the school resource officer course developed under this provision to a qualified retired law enforcement officer, as defined under the federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004, for the purpose of employment at a school or school district and may issue, for such purpose, a certificate or waiver in the same manner as provided for any other officer. Amends the School Code. Provides that beginning January 1, 2023, a school or school district may employ a qualified retired law enforcement officer, as defined under the federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004, 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. Provides that notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, nothing in these provisions prohibit a school resource officer or qualified retired law enforcement officer from carrying a firearm. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning schools.

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 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 101-652)

8 Sec. 10.22. School resource officers.

9 (a) The Board shall develop or approve a course for school  
10 resource officers as defined in Section 10-20.68 of the School  
11 Code.

12 (b) The school resource officer course shall be developed  
13 within one year after January 1, 2019 (the effective date of  
14 Public Act 100-984) and shall be created in consultation with  
15 organizations demonstrating expertise and or experience in the  
16 areas of youth and adolescent developmental issues,  
17 educational administrative issues, prevention of child abuse  
18 and exploitation, youth mental health treatment, and juvenile  
19 advocacy.

20 (c) The Board shall develop a process allowing law  
21 enforcement agencies to request a waiver of this training  
22 requirement for any specific individual assigned as a school  
23 resource officer. Applications for these waivers may be

1 submitted by a local law enforcement agency chief  
2 administrator for any officer whose prior training and  
3 experience may qualify for a waiver of the training  
4 requirement of this subsection (c). The Board may issue a  
5 waiver at its discretion, based solely on the prior training  
6 and experience of an officer.

7 (d) Upon completion, the employing agency shall be issued  
8 a certificate attesting to a specific officer's completion of  
9 the school resource officer training. Additionally, a letter  
10 of approval shall be issued to the employing agency for any  
11 officer who is approved for a training waiver under this  
12 subsection (d).

13 (e) The Board may offer the school resource officer course  
14 developed under this Section to a qualified retired law  
15 enforcement officer, as defined under the federal Law  
16 Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004, for the purpose of  
17 employment at a school or school district and may issue, for  
18 such purpose, a certificate or waiver in the same manner as  
19 provided under this Section for any other officer.

20 (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
21 contrary, nothing in this Section prohibits a school resource  
22 officer or qualified retired law enforcement officer from  
23 carrying a firearm.

24 (Source: P.A. 100-984, eff. 1-1-19; 101-81, eff. 7-12-19.)

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15 101-652, eff. 1-1-22.)

16 Section 10. The School Code is amended by changing  
17 Section 10-20.68 as follows:

18 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.68)

19 Sec. 10-20.68. School resource officer.

20 (a) In this Section, "school resource officer" means a law  
21 enforcement officer who has been primarily assigned to a  
22 school or school district under an agreement with a local law  
23 enforcement agency.

24 (b) Beginning January 1, 2021, any law enforcement agency

1 that provides a school resource officer under this Section  
2 shall provide to the school district a certificate of  
3 completion, or approved waiver, issued by the Illinois Law  
4 Enforcement Training Standards Board under Section 10.22 of  
5 the Illinois Police Training Act indicating that the subject  
6 officer has completed the requisite course of instruction in  
7 the applicable subject areas within one year of assignment, or  
8 has prior experience and training which satisfies this  
9 requirement.

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

14 (d) Beginning January 1, 2023, a school or school district  
15 may employ a qualified retired law enforcement officer, as  
16 defined under the federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act  
17 of 2004, who obtains a certificate of completion or approved  
18 waiver under Section 10.22 of the Illinois Police Training Act  
19 to carry out the duties of a school resource officer.

20 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
21 contrary, nothing in this Section prohibits a school resource  
22 officer or qualified retired law enforcement officer from  
23 carrying a firearm.

24 (Source: P.A. 100-984, eff. 1-1-19; 101-81, eff. 7-12-19.)

25 Section 95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes

1 changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text  
2 that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section  
3 represented by multiple versions), the use of that text does  
4 not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the changes  
5 made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any other  
6 Public Act.

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