



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.

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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.