

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 341

SENATE BILL NO. 938

By Burks, Herron, Marrero

Substituted for: House Bill No. 403

By Sherry Jones, Maddox, Favors, Sontany, Montgomery, Pruitt, Hardaway

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38 and Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 42, relative to school resource officers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-4202, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() "School resource officer" means a law enforcement officer, as defined under § 39-11-106, who is in compliance with all laws, rules and regulations of the Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission and who has been assigned to a school in accordance with a memorandum of understanding between the chief of the appropriate law enforcement agency and the local education agency.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-4217, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

49-6-4217. (a) Training courses for school resource officers shall be designed specifically for school policing and shall be administered by an entity or organization approved by the Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission.

(b) School resource officers shall participate in forty (40) hours of basic training in school policing within twelve (12) months of assignment to a school. Every year thereafter they shall participate in a minimum of sixteen (16) hours of training specific to school policing that has been approved by the Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 8, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

38-8-__. A memorandum of understanding may be entered into between a chief of a law enforcement agency and a local education agency to provide school policing.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 8, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

38-8-___. A law enforcement officer may substitute a maximum of forty (40) hours of successfully completed training in school policing for regular continuing education hours.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 24, 2007



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 5th day of June 2007



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR