

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 1521

By: Pemberton and Stephens of  
the Senate

3 and

4 Lowe (Dick) of the House

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6 An Act relating to schools; amending Section 1,  
7 Chapter 281, O.S.L. 2023 (70 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section  
8 5-148.1), which relates to the School Resource  
9 Officer Program; directing certain school districts  
10 to give first priority to hiring certain law  
11 enforcement officers; allowing certain school  
12 districts to employ or contract with certain officers  
13 or security guards under certain circumstances;  
14 directing certain law enforcement agency to provide  
15 certain individual a radio system to be used in  
16 performance of certain duties; allowing use of  
17 certain fund for certain purpose; updating statutory  
18 reference; providing an effective date; and declaring  
19 an emergency.

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

21 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 281, O.S.L.  
22 2023 (70 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 5-148.1), is amended to read as  
23 follows:

24 Section 5-148.1. A. The State Department of Education shall  
establish and maintain a three-year pilot program known as the  
School Resource Officer Program.

B. School resource officers employed or contracted by school  
districts participating in the School Resource Officer Program shall  
successfully complete law enforcement active shooter emergency

1 response training given by the Council on Law Enforcement Education  
2 and Training (CLEET) and approved by the ~~Oklahoma~~ Department of  
3 Public Safety.

4 C. ~~For purposes of this section, "school resource officer"~~  
5 ~~means~~ 1. A school district participating in the School Resource  
6 Officer Program shall give first priority to employing or  
7 contracting with a law enforcement officer with sworn authority and  
8 training in school-based law enforcement and crisis response who is  
9 assigned by an employing law enforcement agency to work  
10 collaboratively with one or more schools using community-oriented  
11 policing concepts.

12 2. If a law enforcement officer described in paragraph 1 of  
13 this subsection is unavailable, a participating school district may  
14 employ or contract with a retired law enforcement officer or a  
15 security guard who is licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Security  
16 Guard and Private Investigator Act. The law enforcement agency that  
17 serves the area in which a school district is located shall provide  
18 an individual employed or contracted, pursuant to this paragraph,  
19 with a police band radio system which may be used by the individual  
20 in the performance of his or her duties. A school district may use  
21 funds from the School Security Revolving Fund created pursuant to  
22 Section 5-148.2 of this title to cover the cost of the radio system.

23 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.  
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1 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
2 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby  
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

5 Passed the Senate the 27th day of February, 2024.

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9 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
10 2024.

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