

SENATE BILL 1770

By Lundberg

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37  
and Title 49, relative to school resource officers.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 8, is amended by adding the following new section:

(a) Prior to a school resource officer engaging in a formal interrogation of a student due to suspicion that the student committed a delinquent act, unruly conduct, or a criminal offense, the school resource officer shall inform the student that the student's parent or legal guardian may be present for the interrogation and that the student may refrain from answering any questions until the student's parent or legal guardian has arrived. If, following twenty-four (24) hours from when the parent or legal guardian was contacted, the student's parent or legal guardian has not attended the interrogation or arranged a time to attend the interrogation, then the school resource officer may proceed with the interrogation.

(b) There is an exception to the requirement in subsection (a) if exigent circumstances existed at the time of the interrogation that prevented the school resource officer from waiting for the student's parent or legal guardian.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.