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AN ACT

To repeal section 168.450, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to school resource officers.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 168.450, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu 2 thereof, to be known as section 168.450, to read as follows:

168.450. 1. The Missouri state training center for the D.A.R.E. program shall 2 develop the curriculum and certification requirements for school resource officers. At a 3 minimum, school resource officers must complete forty hours of basic school resource officer training to include legal operations within an educational environment, intruder training and planning, juvenile law, and any other relevant topics relating to the job and functions of a 6 school resource officer.

- 2. (1) The general assembly may make an annual appropriation to the grants for school resource officers fund established in this subsection to provide moneys to school districts to use to hire trained and certified school resource officers. The department shall not be required to provide moneys for grants under this section if no appropriation for such grants is made by the general assembly.
- (2) (a) There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Grants for School Resource Officers Fund", which shall consist of moneys appropriated under this subsection. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance with 15 sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer may approve disbursements. The fund 16 shall be a dedicated fund and, upon appropriation, moneys in this fund shall be used solely as provided in this subsection.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

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(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund.

- (c) The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund.
- (3) A school district that proposes to hire a school resource officer may apply to the department of elementary and secondary education for a grant from the grants for school resource officers fund to assist such district in hiring such school resource officer. In such application, the school district shall commit to providing thirty percent of the total salary for the school resource officer and may request that the department provide the remaining seventy percent of such salary from the grants for school resource officers fund. The school district shall also indicate in such application whether the school district has applied for all available federal grant moneys available for hiring such school resource officer.
- (4) Upon receiving an application from a school district for a grant from the grants for school resource officers fund, the department of elementary and secondary education shall verify that the individual the school district proposes to hire as a school resource officer is trained and certified as provided in section 590.200. Upon such verification, the department shall remit the amount requested to the school district.
- (5) The department may promulgate all necessary rules and regulations for the administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2023, shall be invalid and void.

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