

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

3 SENATE BILL 1521

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

28 B. School resource officers employed or contracted by school  
29 districts participating in the School Resource Officer Program shall

1 successfully complete law enforcement active shooter emergency  
2 response training given by the Council on Law Enforcement Education  
3 and Training (CLEET) and approved by the ~~Oklahoma~~ Department of  
4 Public Safety.

5 C. ~~For purposes of this section, "school resource officer"~~

6 ~~means~~ 1. A school district participating in the School Resource

7 Officer Program shall give first priority to employing or

8 contracting with a law enforcement officer with sworn authority and

9 training in school-based law enforcement and crisis response who is

10 assigned by an employing law enforcement agency to work

11 collaboratively with one or more schools using community-oriented

12 policing concepts.

13 2. If a law enforcement officer described in paragraph 1 of

14 this subsection is unavailable, a participating school district may

15 employ or contract with a retired law enforcement officer or a

16 security guard who is licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Security

17 Guard and Private Investigator Act. The law enforcement agency that

18 serves the area in which a school district is located shall provide

19 an individual employed or contracted, pursuant to this paragraph,

20 with a police band radio system which may be used by the individual

21 in the performance of his or her duties. A school district may use

22 funds from the School Security Revolving Fund created pursuant to

23 Section 5-148.2 of this title to cover the cost of the radio system.

24 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.

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.

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