1 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION STATE OF OKLAHOMA 2 3 2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024) ENGROSSED SENATE 4 BILL NO. 1521 By: Pemberton and Stephens of 5 the Senate 6 and Lowe (Dick) of the House 7 8 9 An Act relating to schools; amending Section 1, Chapter 281, O.S.L. 2023 (70 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 5-148.1), which relates to the School Resource 10 Officer Program; directing certain school districts to give first priority to hiring certain law 11 enforcement officers; allowing certain school districts to employ or contract with certain officers 12 or security guards under certain circumstances; directing certain law enforcement agency to provide 13 certain individual a radio system to be used in performance of certain duties; allowing use of 14 certain fund for certain purpose; updating statutory reference; providing an effective date; and declaring 15 an emergency. 16 17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: 18 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 281, O.S.L. 19 2023 (70 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 5-148.1), is amended to read as 20 follows: 21 Section 5-148.1. A. The State Department of Education shall 22 establish and maintain a three-year pilot program known as the 23 24 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 response training given by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET) and approved by the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety.
- means 1. A school district participating in the School Resource

 Officer Program shall give first priority to employing or

 contracting with a law enforcement officer with sworn authority and training in school-based law enforcement and crisis response who is assigned by an employing law enforcement agency to work collaboratively with one or more schools using community-oriented policing concepts.
- 2. If a law enforcement officer described in paragraph 1 of this subsection is unavailable, a participating school district may employ or contract with a retired law enforcement officer or a security guard who is licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Security

 Guard and Private Investigator Act. The law enforcement agency that serves the area in which a school district is located shall provide an individual employed or contracted, pursuant to this paragraph, with a police band radio system which may be used by the individual in the performance of his or her duties. A school district may use

1	funds from the School Security Revolving Fund created pursuant to
2	Section 5-148.2 of this title to cover the cost of the radio system.
3	SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.
4	SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
5	of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby
6	declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
7	be in full force from and after its passage and approval.
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