

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1596

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to school resource officers; amending Section 1, Chapter 281, O.S.L. 2023 (70 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 5-148.1), which relates to the School Resource Officer Program; modifying scope of definition; updating statutory reference; and providing an effective date.

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

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

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

1 C. For purposes of this section, "school resource officer"
2 means a:

3 1. A law enforcement officer with sworn authority and training
4 in school-based law enforcement and crisis response;

5 2. An individual who has completed the basic peace officer
6 academy and has been trained in school-based law enforcement and
7 crisis response; or

8 3. An individual who has a valid firearm license pursuant to
9 the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, completes a program
10 established by the local sheriff that includes one hundred thirty-
11 six (136) total hours of comprehensive firearm safety and
12 proficiency training which shall include:

13 a. eighty (80) hours of firearms instruction based on the
14 program established by the Council on Law Enforcement
15 Education and Training (CLEET) which must include at
16 least ten percent (10%) but no more than twenty
17 percent (20%) more rounds fired than what is
18 associated with CLEET training, and the program
19 participant must achieve an eighty-five percent (85%)
20 pass rate on the firearms training,

21 b. sixteen (16) hours of instruction in National Rifle
22 Association Precision Pistol or equivalent training,

23 c. eight (8) hours of discretionary shooting instruction
24 using state-of-the-art simulator exercises,

- d. sixteen (16) hours of instruction in active shooter or assailant scenarios,
- e. eight (8) hours of instruction in defensive tactics,
- f. four (4) hours of instruction in legal issues, and
- g. four (4) hours of mental health awareness training related to working with children and students,

who has been trained in school-based law enforcement and crisis response and completes ongoing training on an annual basis through the local sheriff's office, and who is assigned by an employing law enforcement agency or school district to work collaboratively with one or more schools using community-oriented policing concepts.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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