



# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 87**

### **SENATE BILL NO. 315**

**By Niceley, Crowe, Reeves, Southerland, Taylor**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1456

**By Faison, Lynn, Rudd, Eldridge, McCalmon, Howell**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 9; Title 38 and Title 49, relative to school safety.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 42, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Notwithstanding another law to the contrary, a county or municipality may enter into a contract or memorandum of understanding with a nonpublic school authorizing the county's or municipality's law enforcement agency to provide school resource officers to the nonpublic school.

(b) A school resource officer assigned to a nonpublic school must comply with the employment standards for school resource officers outlined in § 49-6-4217.

(c) A contract or memorandum of understanding may stipulate:

(1) The duties and responsibilities of the parties;

(2) The burden of liability that arises from negligence or gross negligence by any party. A county or municipality may waive sovereign immunity for one (1) or more law enforcement officers for purposes of executing a contract or memorandum of understanding under this section;

(3) The length of the contract or memorandum of understanding;

(4) Salary, benefits, and schedule; and

(5) Any other provisions that the parties to the contract or memorandum of understanding deem necessary to effectuate the contract or memorandum of understanding.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: March 9, 2023

  
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RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 2023

  
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BILL LEE, GOVERNOR