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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, a local board of education may contract with a local chief of police or sheriff to employ school resource officers.

This bill would authorize a sheriff or local chief of police to contract with a nonpublic K-12 school for the provision of school resource officers as long as the services of a school resource officer are available to every public school in the county or municipality where the contracted services would be provided.

This bill would also require a sheriff or local chief of police to charge the nonpublic school for the full cost of employing any school resource officer.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to school safety; to authorize certain public entities to contract with a nonpublic K-12 school to provide school resource officers in certain circumstances; and to require public entities to charge the nonpublic school for the full cost of employing any school resource officer.



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29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

30 Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the
31 term "nonpublic school" means a private, church, parochial, or
32 religious school offering educational instruction in grades
33 K-12. The term includes home-schooling entities.

34 (b) (1) A sheriff and county commission or a local chief
35 of police and city council may contract with a nonpublic
36 school to provide school resource officers, as defined in
37 Section 16-1-44.1, Code of Alabama 1975.

38 (2) No party may approve a contract pursuant to this
39 subsection unless the services of a school resource officer
40 are available to every public school system in the county or
41 municipality where the contracted service would be provided.

42 (3) A contract to provide school resource officers
43 under this subsection shall only be valid as long as the
44 services of school resource officers are available as required
45 in subdivision (2).

46 (c) Any contract created pursuant to subsection (b)
47 shall provide that the nonpublic school must fully reimburse
48 the county commission or city council for the full salary,
49 benefits, and all other costs associated with each school
50 resource officer made available through the contract.

51 (d) (1) A nonpublic school shall provide proof of
52 occurrence-based liability insurance, which shall be primary
53 coverage, in an amount no less than, and with coverage
54 consistent with, the liability insurance carried by the county
55 commission or city council.

56 (2) The insurance policy shall name the county



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57 commission, the sheriff, and his or her deputies or the
58 municipality, the chief of police, and his or her officers as
59 additional insureds.

60 (3) If the nonpublic school fails to have the insurance
61 coverage required by this subsection in full force during the
62 entire term of the contract, the nonpublic school shall assume
63 liability for all acts taken by a school resource officer
64 within the line and scope of the private employment.

65 (e) Nothing in this section shall have the effect of
66 waiving any immunity or statutory cap on damages to which a
67 county commission, city council, sheriff, chief of police, or
68 deputy or officer are entitled.

69 (f) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to
70 the contrary, an off-duty law enforcement officer, in his or
71 her personal capacity, may contract with or be employed by a
72 nonpublic school.

73 (g) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to
74 the contrary, a sheriff or chief of police may provide
75 security, traffic control, and other similar services on the
76 campus or other property of a nonpublic school.

77 Section 2. This act shall become effective on June 1,
78 2025.