

AN ACT relating to school safety and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(1) A school resource officer or school security officer as defined in Section 2 of this Act shall complete training provided by the Department of Criminal Justice

Training as follows:

(a) Basic school resource officer training to be completed prior to working at a school site; and

(b) Advanced school resource officer training to be completed within two (2) years of beginning employment.

(2) A person who began working as a school resource officer or school security officer prior to the effective date of this Act and who has not completed the basic school resource officer training shall complete the training by August 1, 2016.

➔Section 2. KRS 158.441 is amended to read as follows:

As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

- (1) "Intervention services" means any preventive, developmental, corrective, supportive services or treatment provided to a student who is at risk of school failure, is at risk of participation in violent behavior or juvenile crime, or has been expelled from the school district. Services may include, but are not limited to, screening to identify students at risk for emotional disabilities and antisocial behavior; direct instruction in academic, social, problem solving, and conflict resolution skills; alternative educational programs; psychological services; identification and assessment of abilities; counseling services; medical services; day treatment; family services; work and community service programs;
- (2) "School resource officer" means a sworn law enforcement officer who has specialized training, **as described in Section 1 of this Act,** to work with youth at a

school site. The school resource officer shall be employed through a contract between a local law enforcement agency and a school district; and

- (3) "School security officer" means a person employed by a local board of education who has been appointed a special law enforcement officer pursuant to KRS 61.902 and who has specialized training, *as described in Section 1 of this Act*, to work with youth at a school site.

➔Section 3. Whereas school resource officers and school security officers are a vital part of providing a safe and secure school learning environment for Kentucky's children, and the training of these officers is essential to the performance of their duties, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a law.