

SENATE BILL 271

By Hensley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 8 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to school resource officers.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-4217, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(d) Any local school board may vote to train and utilize part-time police officers, temporary police officers, reserve police officers, auxiliary police officers, or special deputies as defined in § 38-8-101, to serve as school resource officers in the pre-K or K-12 schools located in the district. The POST commission shall have the discretion to approve or devise a special training program for such resource officers; provided, it is equivalent to the training required by this section.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-101, is amended deleting the semicolon “;” at the end of subdivision (3) and by adding the following:

however, if a part-time officer is employed as a school resource officer pursuant to § 49-6-4217(d), the officer may work more than one hundred (100) hours a month without being reclassified as full-time status;

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law for the purpose of employing and training school resources officers pursuant to this act, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes it shall take effect in the 2013-2014 school year.