

SENATE BILL 568

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 8, Part 1; Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 34 and Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 42, relative to school resource officers.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-120, is amended by deleting the existing language in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

The chief of a law enforcement agency and the director of schools of a local education agency may agree to provide school policing of system schools. A written memorandum of understanding shall provide for employment standards, hours of training, hours of work and assignment to specific schools. The agreement shall provide for appropriate staffing and security needs for alternative schools established pursuant to § 49-6-3402. Teachers and other employees shall be notified of emergency procedures and the proper use of school resource officers annually prior to the beginning of classes.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3402, is amended by adding following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() School resource officers assigned to alternative schools shall be full time.

The particularized needs of an alternative school shall be the primary consideration in making an assignment of a school resource officer to the school.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.