

SENATE BILL 2653

By White

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 8; Title 38; Title 39 and Title 49, relative to
school safety.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-809, is amended by adding the following new subsection (i):

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(1) To increase the protection and safety of students and school personnel, local boards of education may adopt a policy authorizing retired law enforcement officers to serve as armed school security officers during regular school hours when children are present on the school's premises, as well as during school-sponsored events.

(2) A policy adopted pursuant to subdivision (i)(1) must contain the same or substantially similar provisions as required of a policy permitting off-duty law enforcement officers to serve as school security officers under subdivision (c)(2).

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