

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT  
TO  
2 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 1521 By: Pemberton and Stephens of  
the Senate  
3  
and  
4  
Lowe (Dick) of the House  
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7 An Act relating to schools; amending Section 1,  
Chapter 281, O.S.L. 2023 (70 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section  
8 5-148.1), which relates to the School Resource  
Officer Program; directing certain school districts  
9 to give first priority to hiring certain law  
enforcement officers; allowing certain school  
10 districts to employ or contract with certain officers  
or security guards under certain circumstances;  
11 directing certain law enforcement agency to provide  
certain individual a radio system to be used in  
12 performance of certain duties; allowing use of  
certain fund for certain purpose; updating statutory  
13 reference; providing an effective date; and declaring  
an emergency.  
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16 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Strike the title, enacting clause, and entire bill  
and insert:  
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19 "An Act relating to schools; amending Section 1,  
Chapter 281, O.S.L. 2023 (70 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section  
20 5-148.1), which relates to the School Resource  
Officer Program; directing certain school districts  
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2 reference; providing an effective date; and declaring  
3 an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

5 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 281, O.S.L.  
6 2023 (70 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 5-148.1), is amended to read as  
7 follows:

8 Section 5-148.1. A. The State Department of Education shall  
9 establish and maintain a three-year pilot program known as the  
10 School Resource Officer Program.

11 B. School resource officers employed or contracted by school  
12 districts participating in the School Resource Officer Program shall  
13 successfully complete law enforcement active shooter emergency  
14 response training given by the Council on Law Enforcement Education  
15 and Training (CLEET) and approved by the ~~Oklahoma~~ Department of  
16 Public Safety.

17 C. ~~For purposes of this section, "school resource officer"~~  
18 ~~means~~ 1. A school district participating in the School Resource  
19 Officer Program shall give first priority to employing or  
20 contracting with a law enforcement officer with sworn authority and  
21 training in school-based law enforcement and crisis response who is  
22 assigned by an employing law enforcement agency to work  
23 collaboratively with one or more schools using community-oriented  
24 policing concepts.

1        2. If a law enforcement agency that serves the area in which a  
2 school district is located is unwilling or unable to provide a law  
3 enforcement officer described in paragraph 1 of this subsection, a  
4 participating school district may employ or contract with a retired  
5 law enforcement officer or an armed security guard who is licensed  
6 pursuant to the Oklahoma Security Guard and Private Investigator  
7 Act. The law enforcement agency that serves the area in which the  
8 school district is located shall preauthorize any individual  
9 employed or contracted with under this paragraph. The school shall  
10 require a background check on the individual. The law enforcement  
11 agency that serves the area in which the school district is located  
12 shall allow an authorized individual employed or contracted with the  
13 school district access to the preauthorizing agency's radio system,  
14 pursuant to this paragraph, and a police band radio system which may  
15 be used by the individual in the performance of his or her duties to  
16 be paid for by the employing district. A school district may use  
17 funds from the School Security Revolving Fund created pursuant to  
18 Section 5-148.2 of this title to cover the cost of the radio system.

19        SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.

20        SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
21 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby  
22 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
23 be in full force from and after its passage and approval."  
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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 25th day of April, 2024.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House of  
Representatives  
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6 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

21 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 281, O.S.L.  
22 2023 (70 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 5-148.1), is amended to read as  
23 follows:

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B. School resource officers employed or contracted by school  
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8 training in school-based law enforcement and crisis response who is

9 assigned by an employing law enforcement agency to work

10 collaboratively with one or more schools using community-oriented

11 policing concepts.

12 2. If a law enforcement officer described in paragraph 1 of

13 this subsection is unavailable, a participating school district may

14 employ or contract with a retired law enforcement officer or a

15 security guard who is licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Security

16 Guard and Private Investigator Act. The law enforcement agency that

17 serves the area in which a school district is located shall provide

18 an individual employed or contracted, pursuant to this paragraph,

19 with a police band radio system which may be used by the individual

20 in the performance of his or her duties. A school district may use

21 funds from the School Security Revolving Fund created pursuant to

22 Section 5-148.2 of this title to cover the cost of the radio system.

23 SECTION 5. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.

SECTION 6. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 27th day of February, 2024.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2024.

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of Representatives