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Bill Analysis

SB 1521 modifies the School Resource Officer Program. The measure directs participating districts to give first priority to employing or contracting with a law enforcement officer who is assigned by an employing agency but allows a district to employ or contract with a retired law enforcement officer or a licensed security guard. The hired individual must be pre-authorized by the local law enforcement agency and the school must conduct a background check. The measure states that if such an individual is employed or contracted, the law enforcement agency that serves the area in which the school district is located must provide the individual with a police band radio system to be used in the performance of his or her duties.

House Amendments

HA's to SB 1521 requires local law enforcement agencies to preauthorize employed school resource officers and mandates officers have access to the local law enforcement agencies' radio system.

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