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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to school resource officers

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The legislature hereby finds that it is beneficial to school districts to have access to school resource officers to provide for the safety of children in New York state. School resource officer programs foster collaboration between law enforcement officers, school staff, students, and parents to provide safe learning environments and safe communities for our state's children. It is the intent of this legislature to create a shared school resource officers program to allow school districts throughout New York state to receive the benefit of this valuable resource at a reduced cost.

S 2. The education law is amended by adding a new section 817 to read as follows:

S 817. SHARED SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS. EVERY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE STATE SHALL BE ALLOCATED A THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLAR VOUCHER, SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR, FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF HIRING A SHARED SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER. THE VOUCHER IS VALID ONLY IF IT IS COMBINED WITH THE VOUCHER OF AT LEAST TWO OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS. SUCH COMBINED VOUCHERS SHALL BE UTILIZED TO HIRE A POLICE OFFICER AS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPHS (A), (B), (C) AND (D) OF SUBDIVISION THIRTY-FOUR OF SECTION 1.20 OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE LAW WHO SHALL SERVE AS A SHARED SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER. SUCH SHARED SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER SHALL DIVIDE HIS OR HER TIME BETWEEN THE SCHOOLS ON A RANDOMIZED, ROTATING BASIS BASED UPON A SCHEDULE DETERMINED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately, provided, however that the commissioner of education shall have the authority to promulgate any rules or regulations necessary for the implementation of this act.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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