

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. GALLIVAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to a school resource officer program and providing school resource officer security protection aid

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 2801-c
2 to read as follows:

3 § 2801-c. New York state school resource officer program. 1. For
4 purposes of this section, the term "school resource officer" shall mean
5 a school resource officer, school safety officer, school security offi-
6 cer, or any other substantially similar position or office, that is
7 designed to provide improved public safety and/or security on school
8 grounds. Such school resource officer may be a retired police officer, a
9 retired state trooper, a retired deputy sheriff, a state trooper, a
10 police officer in the active duty service of a town, city or village, or
11 a deputy sheriff from a county sheriff's department.

12 2. Any public or nonpublic school may employ, in either the classified
13 or unclassified service, any school resource officer for the purpose of
14 providing improved public safety and/or security on school grounds. Any
15 such public or nonpublic school may also contract with the state of New
16 York, or a county, city, town or village, for the provision of a state
17 trooper, police officer or deputy sheriff, to serve as a school resource
18 officer, for the purpose of providing improved public safety and/or
19 security on school grounds. A school district shall be authorized to
20 employ or contract for as many school resource officers as such district
21 deems necessary.

22 3. It shall be the role of the school resource officer to provide
23 improved public safety and/or security on school grounds. Such school
24 resource officer may carry and possess firearms during the course of
25 their duties at such school district, but nothing in this subdivision
26 shall be deemed to authorize such school resource officer to carry,

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

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1 possess, repair or dispose of a firearm unless the appropriate license
2 therefor has been issued pursuant to section 400.00 of the penal law.

3 § 2. Section 3602 of the education law is amended by adding a new
4 subdivision 5-b to read as follows:

5 5-b. School resource officer security protection aid. Every school
6 district, outside of a city with a population of one million or more,
7 employing or contracting for the services of a school resource officer
8 in either the classified or unclassified service, in accordance with
9 section twenty-eight hundred one-c of this chapter, shall be entitled to
10 a payment of school resource officer protection aid in the amount of the
11 district's expenditure for the cost of such employment or contracting of
12 such school resource officer, but in no event shall such aid to such
13 school district be in excess of fifty thousand dollars annually. The
14 school resource officer security protection aid provided by this subdi-
15 vision shall be further limited to the payment for one school resource
16 officer per school district.

17 § 3. Section 3602-c of the education law is amended by adding a new
18 subdivision 11 to read as follows:

19 11. Aid shall be made available to all nonpublic schools under this
20 section, for school resource officers, in the same manner as for public
21 schools in subdivision five-b of section thirty-six hundred two of this
22 article.

23 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.