STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

March 6, 2024

Introduced by Sen. SKOUFIS -- 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 authorizing public and nonpublic schools hire school resource officers

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

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

§ 2801-c. New York state school resource officer program. 1. For purposes of this section, the term "school resource officer" shall mean a school resource officer, school safety officer, school security officer, or any other substantially similar position or office whose purpose is to provide improved public safety and/or security on school grounds.

2. Any boards of cooperative educational services, and public or nonpublic school districts which are not in a city school district in a city having a population of one million or more shall be authorized, to hire school resource officers, or contract with the state, a county, city, town or village for such services; and to define the principal role of a school resource officer as providing improved public safety and/or security on school grounds through community policing techniques, investigative measures, and tactical preparedness, and further delineate additional roles of a school resource officer.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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