

HOUSE BILL 2068

By Moody

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 8 and Title 49, relative to school resource officer training.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) The department of education shall create a pilot program to train school resource officers to respond to an active shooter in a school, conduct individualized security assessments in the school resource officer's school, and train the school's faculty and staff to respond to an active shooter situation. The pilot program must include seven (7) counties, to be determined by the department, and must include at least two (2) counties in each of the three (3) grand divisions with a reasonable distribution between urban and rural areas.

(b)

(1) The training must include, but not be limited to, the following:

(A) Life-saving assailant room entry countermeasures for unarmed responders;

(B) Interior evasion and exterior evacuation by utilizing proven movement methodology;

(C) Threat assessment education;

(D) Creation of emergency action plans, including multi-layered and multi-contingent plans;

(E) Security assessment protocols;

(F) A communication plan, including immediate notification of a threat; and

(G) Top tier tactical knowledge, customized for both individual school resource officers and teams, on how to create a faster response and stop a threat.

(2) The department must consider the unique needs of students, faculty, and staff with special needs or physical challenges when creating each of the items listed in subdivision (b)(1).

(c) The training must be conducted in person for a period of at least forty (40) hours. The training must be conducted by a person or persons having, at a minimum:

(1) One (1) year of experience as a full-time federal law enforcement instructor, designated to instruct, develop, and actively participate in active shooter training; and

(2) Certification, issued by the United States department of homeland security federal law enforcement training center, of having completed the active shooter threat instructor training program.

(d) The department may contract with a private provider to provide the training.

(e) The training must be conducted for all participating school resource officers prior to January 1, 2021.

(f) By February 1, 2021, the department shall report to the general assembly on the results of the pilot program, including any recommendation for legislation.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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