



March 1, 2020

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Education (DOE) to create a pilot program to train school resource officers (SROs) to respond to an active shooter in a school, conduct security assessments in the SRO's school, and train the school's faculty and staff to respond to an active shooter situation. Requires the pilot program to include seven counties, to be determined by DOE, and must include two counties from each of the three grand divisions of the state with a reasonable distribution between urban and rural areas. Establishes requirements for the training program. Authorizes DOE to contract with a private vendor to provide the training. Requires the training to be conducted for all participating school resource officers by January 1, 2021. Requires DOE to report to the General Assembly on the results of the pilot program, including any recommendations, by February 1, 2021.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – \$45,000/FY20-21

Increase Local Expenditures – \$126,000/FY20-21/Permissive

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation will require a total of seven counties across the three grand divisions of the state to participate in the pilot program.
- There are an estimated 1,750 schools in 147 districts across the state, which is an average of 12 (1,750 / 147) schools per district.
- It is estimated that 74 percent of schools in Tennessee currently have an SRO and it is assumed that that all schools in pilot districts have an SRO.
- It is assumed that training for the seven counties in the pilot program will consist of three regional week-long training events attended by 84 (7 counties x 12 schools) SROs.
- It is further assumed that there will be one contracted trainer for each of the three regional trainings for a total of three trainers; contracted trainers are estimated to cost \$15,000 per week.
- The total one-time increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$45,000 (\$15,000 x 3) in FY20-21.
- It is estimated that personnel or substitute costs \$200 per day for each SRO attending training; this will increase local expenditures \$84,000 (\$200 x 5 days x 84 SROs).

- Travel costs are estimated to be \$500 per week for each SRO; this will increase local expenditures \$42,000 (\$500 x 84).
- The total permissive one-time increase in local expenditures is estimated to be \$126,000 (\$84,000 + \$42,000) in FY20-21.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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