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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER TRAINING.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

Under current law, a peace officer who works as a school resource officer is encouraged to complete a school resource officer training curriculum (training) identified by the P.O.S.T. board. The bill requires a peace officer to complete the training before working as a school resource officer or as soon as is reasonably possible if there is not sufficient time to complete the training before the school resource officer assignment begins.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-31-312, **amend**
3 (3) and (7)(a) as follows:

4 **24-31-312. School resource officer training.** (3) (a) In assigning
5 peace officers to serve as school resource officers pursuant to section
6 22-32-146, ~~C.R.S.~~, each law enforcement agency is encouraged to ensure
7 ~~that such peace officers have successfully completed~~ OFFICER SHALL
8 SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE the school resource officer training curriculum
9 described in subsection (1) of this section ~~or will complete said training~~
10 ~~within six months after~~ PRIOR TO beginning the assignment OR, IF THE
11 PEACE OFFICER IS ASSIGNED TO A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER POSITION
12 AND THERE IS NOT SUFFICIENT TIME TO COMPLETE THE TRAINING PRIOR TO
13 BEGINNING THE ASSIGNMENT, THE PEACE OFFICER SHALL COMPLETE THE
14 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER TRAINING CURRICULUM AS SOON AS IS
15 REASONABLY POSSIBLE.

16 (b) On and after January 1, 2015, each county sheriff and each
17 municipal law enforcement agency of the state shall employ at least one
18 peace officer who has successfully completed the training curriculum
19 described in subsection (1) of this section UNLESS THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE
20 OR AGENCY DOES NOT HAVE A SCHOOL IN ITS JURISDICTION OR DOES NOT
21 CONTRACT WITH A SCHOOL TO PROVIDE A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER.

22 (7) The P.O.S.T. board, with respect to the hiring, training, and
23 evaluation of school resource officers and professionalizing a
24 school-police partnership, shall create a model policy for selecting school
25 resource officers pursuant to the general duties and responsibilities
26 granted to the P.O.S.T. board pursuant to section 24-31-303. The P.O.S.T.

1 board shall consult with school board members, school resource officers,
2 K-12 advocates, and other relevant stakeholders, including student
3 groups, in the development of the model policy. The department of
4 education shall post the model policy on its website and distribute the
5 policy to school districts, charter schools, and institute charter schools for
6 consideration and possible adoption. The model policy may be used by
7 school districts, charter schools, institute charter schools, and police
8 departments. The model policy must, at a minimum, require that:

9 (a) Once selected, school resource officers must be fully trained
10 in standard best practices, as set forth by a national association of school
11 resource officers, AND SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE SCHOOL RESOURCE
12 OFFICER TRAINING CURRICULUM DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS
13 SECTION;

14 **SECTION 2. Applicability.** This act applies to peace officers
15 assigned to a school resource officer position for 2023-24 school year.

16 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
17 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
18 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.