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53A-11-1604 Contracts between an LEA and law enforcement for school resource officer services -- Requirements.

- (1) An LEA may contract with a law enforcement agency or an individual to provide school resource officer services at the LEA if the LEA's governing authority reviews and approves the contract.
- (2) If an LEA contracts with a law enforcement agency or an individual to provide SRO services at the LEA, the LEA's governing authority shall require in the contract:
 - (a) an acknowledgment by the law enforcement agency or the individual that an SRO hired under the contract shall:
 - (i) provide for and maintain a safe, healthy, and productive learning environment in a school;
 - (ii) act as a positive role model to students;
 - (iii) work to create a cooperative, proactive, and problem-solving partnership between law enforcement and the LEA;
 - (iv) emphasize the use of restorative approaches to address negative behavior; and
 - (v) at the request of the LEA, teach a vocational law enforcement class;
 - (b) a description of the shared understanding of the LEA and the law enforcement agency or individual regarding the roles and responsibilities of law enforcement and the LEA to:
 - (i) maintain safe schools;
 - (ii) improve school climate; and
 - (iii) support educational opportunities for students;
 - (c) a designation of student offenses that the SRO shall confer with the LEA to resolve, including an offense that:
 - (i) is a minor violation of the law; and
 - (ii) would not violate the law if the offense was committed by an adult;
 - (d) a designation of student offenses that are administrative issues that an SRO shall refer to a school administrator for resolution;
 - (e) a detailed description of the rights of a student under state and federal law with regard to:
 - (i) searches;
 - (ii) questioning; and
 - (iii) information privacy;
 - (f) a detailed description of:
 - (i) job duties;
 - (ii) training requirements; and
 - (iii) other expectations of the SRO and school administration in relation to law enforcement at the LEA;
 - (g) that an SRO who is hired under the contract and the principal at the school where an SRO will be working, or the principal's designee, will jointly complete the SRO training described in Section 53A-11-1603; and
 - (h) if the contract is between an LEA and a law enforcement agency, that:
 - (i) both parties agree to jointly discuss SRO applicants; and
 - (ii) the law enforcement agency will accept feedback from an LEA about an SRO's performance.

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