

1 **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS AMENDMENTS**

2 2021 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Sandra Hollins**

5 Senate Sponsor: _____

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LONG TITLE

7 **General Description:**

8 This bill amends provisions relating to a local education agency's ability to contract
9 with a law enforcement agency for school resource officer services.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11 This bill:

- 12 ▶ amends provisions related to a training that statute requires the State Board of
- 13 Education to prepare and make available, including:
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 - 15 • broadening the intended audience;
 - 16 • requiring rather than suggesting specific content; and
 - 17 • adding certain additional content;
- 18 ▶ places conditions on the ability of a local education agency (LEA) to contract with a
- 19 law enforcement agency for school resource officer services, including requiring:
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 - 21 • that the contract procure services in ~~H~~→ **elementary and** ←~~H~~ secondary schools;
 - 22 • governing board review of the contract;
 - 23 • the collection of certain information by the LEA; and
 - 24 • a biennial review of certain policies and information; and
- 25 ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

26 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

27 None

Other Special Clauses:

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59 appropriate resources;

60 (h) student privacy rights;

61 (i) negative consequences associated with youth involvement in the juvenile and
62 criminal justice systems;

63 (j) strategies to reduce juvenile justice involvement; ~~and~~

64 (k) roles of and distinctions between a school resource officer and other school staff
65 who help keep a school secure[-];

66 (l) developing and supporting successful relationships with students; and

67 (m) constitutional parameters of searching and questioning students on school
68 property.

69 (4) The state board shall work together with the Department of Public Safety, the State
70 Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, and state and local law enforcement to establish
71 policies and procedures that govern ~~H→~~ [student] school ~~←H~~ resource officers.

72 Section 2. Section **53G-8-703** is amended to read:

73 **53G-8-703. Contracts between an LEA and law enforcement for school resource**
74 **officer services -- Requirements.**

75 (1) (a) An LEA may contract with a law enforcement agency ~~H→~~ [or an individual] ~~←H~~ to
76 provide school resource officer services at the LEA only if:

77 (i) the purpose of the contract is to provide school resource officer services to

77a ~~H→~~ elementary and ~~←H~~

78 secondary schools;

79 (ii) the LEA governing board ~~H→~~ , including law enforcement, ~~←H~~ reviews and
79a approves the contract[-]; and

80 (iii) beginning on July 1, 2023, the LEA creates a policy or includes provisions in the
81 contract to collect, maintain, and provide to the LEA governing board the following
82 information:

83 (A) the purpose for having school resource officer services;

84 (B) measurable performance metrics ~~H→~~ , that the LEA and law enforcement agency
84a define, ~~←H~~ related to meeting the purpose for having school

85 resource officer services ~~H→~~ to be used to evaluate and improve the school resource officer
85a services within the LEA ~~←H~~ ;

86 (C) the ~~H→~~ [steps] alternative efforts at remediation and intervention, including

86a multidisciplinary school teams, that ~~←H~~ the LEA and school resource officer took before an

86b arrest ~~H→~~ [or disciplinary] ~~←H~~

87 ~~to~~ **to** [action] , suspension, or expulsion ~~to~~ :

88 (D) the individual or agency who ~~to~~ **to** [initiated] made a report that led to ~~to~~ an arrest

88a ~~to~~ **to** [referral] ~~to~~ or disciplinary action; and

89 (E) the information related to the LEA in the report described in Section 53E-3-516.

- 121 (i) searches;
- 122 (ii) questioning; and
- 123 (iii) information privacy;
- 124 (f) a detailed description of:
 - 125 (i) job duties;
 - 126 (ii) training requirements; and
 - 127 (iii) other expectations of the SRO and school administration in relation to law
 - 128 enforcement at the LEA;
- 129 (g) that an SRO who is hired under the contract and the principal at the school where
- 130 an SRO will be working, or the principal's designee, will jointly complete the SRO training
- 131 described in Section 53G-8-702; and
- 132 (h) if the contract is between an LEA and a law enforcement agency, that:
 - 133 (i) both parties agree to ~~H~~→ [jointly] ←~~H~~ discuss SRO applicants; and
 - 134 (ii) the law enforcement agency will accept feedback from an LEA about an SRO's
 - 135 performance.