



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 189

### HOUSE BILL NO. 147

By Representatives Parkinson, Cameron Sexton, Hardaway

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 217

By Senator Tate

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to school resource officers.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 42, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) As used in this section, "school security officer" means an individual who is employed exclusively by the local school board or LEA for the purpose of:

- (1) Maintaining order and discipline;
- (2) Preventing crime;
- (3) Investigating violations of school board policies;
- (4) Returning students who may be in violation of the law, school board, or LEA policies to school property or to a school-sponsored event until the officer can place the student into the custody of the school administrator or the administrator's designee, the school resources officer, or the appropriate law enforcement officer; and

(5) Ensuring the safety, security, and welfare of all students, faculty, staff, and visitors in an assigned school.

(b) Each LEA may develop and adopt, in consultation with the appropriate local law enforcement agency, a policy that authorizes a school security officer employed by the LEA to patrol within a one-mile radius of the security officer's assigned school, but not to exceed the boundaries of the assigned school's LEA.

(c) If an LEA adopts a policy pursuant to subsection (a) then the LEA shall file a copy of the policy with the appropriate local chief law enforcement officer.

(d) In patrolling the one-mile radius of the school, the school security officer shall:

- (1) Only patrol for violations of the law that involve minors, including truancy; and
- (2) Immediately notify the appropriate local law enforcement agency of any violation of the law if the school security officer reasonably believes the individual committing the act to be a minor.

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

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PASSED: April 13, 2017

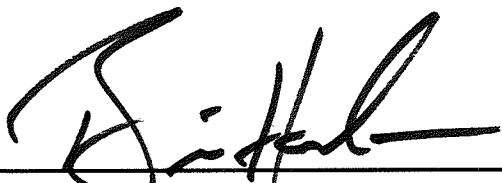


BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 2017



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR