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A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to school safety; to authorize certain public entities to contract with a nonpublic K-12 school to provide school resource officers in certain circumstances; and to require public entities to charge the nonpublic school for the full cost of employing any school resource officer.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) (1) A sheriff and county commission or a local chief of police and city council may contract with a nonpublic school, including private, church, parochial, and religious schools, offering educational instruction in grades K-12, as well as home-schooling entities, to provide school resource officers, as defined in Section 16-1-44.1, Code of Alabama 1975.

(2) No party may approve a contract pursuant to this subsection unless the services of a school resource officer are available to every public school system in the county or municipality where the contracted services would be provided.

(3) A contract to provide school resource officers under this subsection shall only be valid as long as the services of school resource officers are available as required



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29 in subdivision (2).

30 (b) Any contract created pursuant to subsection (a)  
31 shall provide that the nonpublic school must fully reimburse  
32 the county commission or city council for the full salary,  
33 benefits, and all other costs associated with each school  
34 resource officer made available through the contract.

35 (c) (1) A nonpublic school shall provide proof of  
36 occurrence-based liability insurance, which shall be primary  
37 coverage, in an amount no less than, and with coverage  
38 consistent with, the liability insurance carried by the county  
39 commission or city council.

40 (2) The insurance policy shall name the county  
41 commission, the sheriff, and his or her deputies or the  
42 municipality, the chief of police, and his or her officers as  
43 additional insureds.

44 (4) If the nonpublic school fails to have the insurance  
45 coverage required by this subsection in full force during the  
46 entire term of the contract, the nonpublic school shall assume  
47 liability for all acts taken by a school resource officer  
48 within the line and scope of the private employment.

49 (d) Nothing in this section shall have the effect of  
50 waiving any immunity or statutory cap on damages to which a  
51 county commission, city council, sheriff, chief of police, or  
52 deputies or officers are entitled.

53 Section 2. Notwithstanding any provision of this act to  
54 the contrary, an off-duty law enforcement officer, in his or  
55 her personal capacity, may contract with or be employed by a  
56 nonpublic school, including a private, church, parochial, or



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57 religious school, offering instruction in grades K-12, as well  
58 as a home-schooling entity.

59 Section 3. Notwithstanding any provision of this act to  
60 the contrary, a sheriff or chief of police may provide  
61 security, traffic control, and other similar services on the  
62 campus or other property of a nonpublic school, including a  
63 private, church, parochial, or religious school, offering  
64 educational instruction in grades K-12, as well as a  
65 home-schooling entity.

66 Section 4. This act shall become effective June 1,  
67 2024.