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AN ACT

To amend chapters 160 and 590, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to school protection officers.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapters 160 and 590, RSMo, are amended by adding thereto
2 two new sections, to be known as sections 160.260 and 590.200, to read as follows:

**160.260. 1. Any school district within the state may designate
2 one or more elementary or secondary school teachers or administrators
3 as a school protection officer. The responsibilities and duties of a
4 school protection officer are voluntary and shall be in addition to the
5 normal responsibilities and duties of the teacher or administrator. Any
6 compensation for additional duties relating to service as a school
7 protection officer shall be funded by the local school district, with no
8 state funds used for such purpose.**

9 **2. Any person designated by a school district as a school
10 protection officer shall be authorized to carry a self-defense spray
11 device in any school in the district. A self-defense spray device shall
12 include any device that is capable of carrying, and that ejects, releases,
13 or emits a solution containing not more than ten percent oleoresin
14 capsicum.**

15 **3. Any person designated as a school protection officer may use
16 the self-defense spray device in any school in the district to the extent
17 necessary to protect persons or property and such use shall be
18 considered reasonable force under section 160.261.**

19 **4. Any teacher or administrator of an elementary or secondary
20 school who seeks to be designated as a school protection officer shall
21 request such designation, in writing, and submit it to the**

22 superintendent of the school district which employs him or her as a
23 teacher or administrator. Along with this request, the teacher or
24 administrator shall also submit a certificate of school protection officer
25 training program completion from a training program approved by the
26 director of the department of public safety which demonstrates that
27 such person has successfully completed the training requirements
28 established by the POST commission under chapter 590 for school
29 protection officers. No school district may designate a teacher or
30 administrator as a school protection officer unless such person has
31 successfully completed a school protection officer training program
32 which has been approved by the director of the department of public
33 safety.

34 5. A school district may revoke the designation of a person as a
35 school protection officer for any reason and shall immediately notify
36 the designated school protection officer, in writing, of the revocation.

590.200. 1. The POST commission shall:

2 (1) Establish minimum standards for the training of school
3 protection officers;

4 (2) Set the minimum number of hours of training required for a
5 school protection officer;

6 (3) Set the curriculum for school protection officer training
7 programs; and

8 (4) Establish minimum standards for school protection officer
9 training instructors, training centers, and training programs.

10 2. The training of school protection officers shall include:

11 (1) Instruction specific to the prevention of incidents of violence
12 in schools;

13 (2) The handling of emergency or violent crisis situations in
14 school settings;

15 (3) Training involving the use of defensive force; and

16 (4) Instruction in the proper use of self-defense spray devices.

17 3. The director shall develop and maintain a list of approved
18 school protection officer training instructors, training centers, and
19 training programs. The director shall not place any instructor, training
20 center, or training program on its approved list unless such instructor,
21 training center, or training program meets all of the POST commission
22 requirements under this section. The director shall make this approved

23 list available to every school district in the state.

24 4. Each person seeking entrance into a school protection officer
25 training center or training program shall submit a fingerprint card and
26 authorization for a criminal history background check to include the
27 records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to the training center or
28 training program where such person is seeking entrance. The training
29 center or training program shall cause a criminal history background
30 check to be made and shall cause the resulting report to be forwarded
31 to the school district where the elementary school teacher or
32 administrator is seeking to be designated as a school protection officer.

33 5. A certificate of school protection officer training program
34 completion may be issued to any applicant by any approved school
35 protection officer training instructor. On the certificate of program
36 completion, the approved school protection officer training instructor
37 shall affirm that the individual receiving instruction has taken and
38 passed a school protection officer training program that meets the
39 requirements of this section. The instructor shall also provide a copy
40 of such certificate to the director of the department of public safety.

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