

1 HB236  
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3 By Representatives Pettus and Wood  
4 RFD: Education Policy  
5 First Read: 16-JAN-18

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4 A BILL  
5 TO BE ENTITLED  
6 AN ACT  
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8 Relating to education; to amend Section 16-1-44.1,  
9 Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide for the  
10 qualifications of school resource officers.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

12 Section 1. Section 16-1-44.1, Code of Alabama 1975,  
13 is amended to read as follows:

14 "§16-1-44.1.

15 "(a) A local board of education may employ persons  
16 as school security personnel. or

17 "(b) A local board of education may contract with a  
18 local chief of police or sheriff to employ school resource  
19 officers. A local board of education may also employ as a  
20 school resource officer a person who retired in good standing  
21 from a federal or state agency with at least 25 total years of  
22 law enforcement experience.

23 "(c) A local board of education may allow any person  
24 employed by the board as school security personnel or as a  
25 school resource officer to carry a firearm while on duty if  
26 the employee satisfies all of the following qualifications:

1           "(1) He or she is certified by the Alabama Peace  
2       Officers' Standards and Training Commission as a law  
3       enforcement officer whose certification is in good standing or  
4       he or she was a certified law enforcement officer and retired  
5       in good standing from a federal, state, or local law  
6       enforcement agency with at least 20 years of law enforcement  
7       experience \_ and who has successfully completed active shooter  
8       training approved by the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency.

9           "(2) He or she annually completes and passes the  
10      firearm requalification required of law enforcement officers  
11      by the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training  
12      Commission.

13          "(3) He or she must carry a non-lethal weapon and  
14      must be trained in the appropriate use of that non-lethal  
15      weapon.

16          "(d) Only those school resource officers who are  
17      certified by the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and  
18      Training Commission shall have the power of arrest.

19          "~~(b) — (d)~~ (e) The State Department of Education shall  
20      promulgate any necessary rules to provide for the  
21      implementation of this section including, but not limited to,  
22      rules providing additional qualifications for employment as  
23      school security personnel or school resource officers."

24          Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
25      first day of the third month following its passage and  
26      approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Jeff Woodard  
Clerk