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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would authorize the formation of
9 trained volunteer school emergency security forces
10 at public K-12 schools in the state consisting of
11 current and retired school employees and local
12 citizens.

13 This bill would provide for the role of the
14 sheriff and the chief of police in the training and
15 supervision of emergency security forces.

16 This bill would provide for indemnification.

17 This bill would provide for implementation
18 of the act by the State Board of Education and each
19 local board of education.
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21 A BILL
22 TO BE ENTITLED
23 AN ACT
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25 Relating to public K-12 education; to authorize the
26 formation of trained volunteer school emergency security
27 forces at public schools in the state consisting of current

1 and retired school employees and local citizens; to provide
2 for the role of the sheriff and the chief of police in the
3 training and supervision of emergency security forces; to
4 provide for indemnification; and to provide for implementation
5 of the act by the State Board of Education and local boards of
6 education.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

8 Section 1. (a) Upon a determination by the principal
9 of any public K-12 school that the safety of the students at
10 the school is not adequately protected or that additional
11 security is necessary to ensure the safety of the students and
12 employees, the principal may request volunteers to serve on a
13 trained emergency security force for the school. Volunteers
14 may consist of current employees of the school, retired
15 employees of the school, and residents of the school district.

16 (b) Once a list of volunteers has been compiled by
17 the principal, the principal shall submit the list to the
18 sheriff of the county, who shall coordinate with the local
19 chief of police, where applicable. The sheriff shall review
20 the list to determine whether the list contains a sufficient
21 number of suitable volunteers to staff a trained emergency
22 security force at the school. If the sheriff determines the
23 number of suitable volunteers is sufficient, the sheriff may
24 initiate a trained volunteer school emergency security force
25 program for the school.

26 (c) Upon formation of an emergency security force
27 for a school, the sheriff, in conjunction with administrative

1 school personnel and the local chief of police, where
2 applicable, shall prepare a detailed crisis response plan for
3 the school that includes a comprehensive plan of action for
4 the trained emergency security force to follow in the event
5 the security of the school is compromised or the safety of
6 students and employees is threatened. The plan shall also
7 specify how and where weapons may be stored and carried by
8 trained emergency security force members and circumstances
9 under which certain weapons may be used. All weapons and
10 equipment used shall be approved by the sheriff, in
11 consultation with the local chief of police, where applicable.

12 (d) A trained volunteer school emergency security
13 force member shall be classified as a reserve deputy sheriff
14 and shall serve in that position at the pleasure of the
15 sheriff. Service as a reserve deputy sheriff under this
16 section shall not include the power of arrest. As a member of
17 the emergency security force of a school, a volunteer shall
18 receive all training deemed necessary by the sheriff and, when
19 fulfilling his or her duties as a member of the trained
20 emergency security force, shall be under the supervision and
21 direction of the sheriff and the local chief of police, where
22 applicable. The sheriff may offer self defense or other
23 training to those school employees who are not selected to
24 serve on a trained school emergency security force.

25 (e) An emergency security force member shall receive
26 no compensation for service on a trained emergency security
27 force, but may be reimbursed for actual necessary expenses

1 incurred in the discharge of his or her duties on behalf of
2 the trained emergency security force from funds otherwise
3 appropriated by the local board of education. Nothing in this
4 subsection shall prohibit a local board of education from
5 providing a salary supplement to the members of a trained
6 emergency security force.

7 (f) Expenses related to the training of emergency
8 security force members and the purchase of any equipment and
9 weapons deemed necessary by the sheriff, in consultation with
10 the local chief of police, where applicable, shall be
11 administered by the local board of education and paid from
12 funds appropriated for that purpose.

13 (g) The state shall indemnify and hold the members
14 of a trained volunteer school emergency security force, the
15 members of the local board of education, the local
16 superintendents of education, the members of the State Board
17 of Education, the local sheriff, the local chief of police,
18 the county, or any municipality within the county harmless in
19 the amount of any settlement or judgment obtained against such
20 persons arising out of any actual or alleged act, error, or
21 omission that occurred within the scope of service,
22 employment, duties, or responsibilities, or that such persons
23 had a reasonable basis for believing the acts occurred within
24 the scope of service, employment, duties, or responsibilities,
25 provided that the actual or alleged act, error, or omission
26 did not result from intentional or willful and wanton
27 misconduct on the part of such persons.

1 (h) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules
2 as necessary to provide for the implementation of this section
3 and each local board of education shall oversee and provide
4 for local implementation of this section within the schools
5 under its jurisdiction. In addition, each local sheriff may
6 consult with the National Association of School Resource
7 Officers and the Alabama Statewide 911 Board, as necessary to
8 provide for successful local implementation of this section.

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