

1 HB236
2 189224-1
3 By Representatives Pettus and Wood
4 RFD: Education Policy
5 First Read: 16-JAN-18

2
3
4
5
6
7
8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a local board of
9 education may contract with a local chief of police
10 or sheriff to employ school resource officers.

11 This bill would authorize a local board of
12 education to also employ as a school resource
13 officer a person who retired in good standing from
14 a federal or state agency with at least 25 total
15 years of law enforcement experience.
16

17 A BILL
18 TO BE ENTITLED
19 AN ACT
20

21 Relating to education; to amend Section 16-1-44.1,
22 Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide for the
23 qualifications of school resource officers.

24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

27 "§16-1-44.1.

1 "(a) A local board of education may employ persons
2 as school security personnel. ~~or~~

3 "(b) A local board of education may contract with a
4 local chief of police or sheriff to employ school resource
5 officers. A local board of education may also employ as a
6 school resource officer a person who retired in good standing
7 from a federal or state agency with at least 25 total years of
8 law enforcement experience.

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

13 "(1) He or she is certified by the Alabama Peace
14 Officers' Standards and Training Commission as a law
15 enforcement officer whose certification is in good standing
16 and who has successfully completed active shooter training
17 approved by the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency.

18 "(2) He or she annually completes and passes the
19 firearm requalification required of law enforcement officers
20 by the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training
21 Commission.

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

25 "~~(b)~~ (d) The State Department of Education shall
26 promulgate any necessary rules to provide for the
27 implementation of this section including, but not limited to,

1 rules providing additional qualifications for employment as
2 school security personnel or school resource officers."

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