



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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LCO No. 9737



Offered by:

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 7042

File No. 819

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FIREARM  
INDUSTRY RESPONSIBILITY ACT, FIREARMS PERMITS AND  
ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATES AND SELF-DEFENSE."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) There is established a school  
4 resource officer grant program. Towns may apply to the Department of  
5 Education not later than January 1, 2027, and annually thereafter, in a  
6 manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Education, for financial  
7 assistance to cover costs associated with employment of a school  
8 resource officer. The Department of Education shall, within available  
9 resources, award a grant to any applicant town served by a local or  
10 regional board of education that employs a school resource officer as a  
11 new employee on or after January 1, 2027. The amount awarded to each  
12 such town shall be in an amount not to exceed the annual costs of such  
13 town for the employment of one such school resource officer, and may  
14 be applied for and awarded annually to assist the town in maintaining

- 15 a school resource officer's employment."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Sec. 501	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section
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