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AN ACT

To repeal sections 160.665, 170.315, 590.010, 590.100, and 590.205, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof five new sections relating to peace officer license requirements.

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

Section A. Sections 160.665, 170.315, 590.010, 590.100, and 590.205, RSMo, are
2 repealed and five new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 160.665,
3 170.315, 590.010, 590.100, and 590.205, to read as follows:

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

8 2. Any person designated by a school district **or charter school** as a school protection
9 officer shall be authorized to carry concealed firearms or a self-defense spray device in any
10 school in the district. A self-defense spray device shall mean any device that is capable of
11 carrying, and that ejects, releases, or emits, a nonlethal solution **or projectile** capable of
12 incapacitating a violent threat. The school protection officer shall not be permitted to allow
13 any firearm or device out of his or her personal control while that firearm or device is on
14 school property. Any school protection officer who violates this subsection may be removed
15 immediately from the classroom and subject to employment termination proceedings.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

16 3. A school protection officer has the same authority to detain or use force against any
17 person on school property as provided to any other person under chapter 563.

18 4. Upon detention of a person under subsection 3 of this section, the school protection
19 officer shall immediately notify a school administrator and a school resource officer, if such
20 officer is present at the school. If the person detained is a student then the parents or
21 guardians of the student shall also be immediately notified by a school administrator.

22 5. Any person detained by a school protection officer shall be turned over to a school
23 administrator or law enforcement officer as soon as practically possible and shall not be
24 detained by a school protection officer for more than one hour.

25 6. Any ~~[teacher or administrator of an elementary or secondary school]~~ **employee of**
26 **a school district or charter school** who seeks to be designated as a school protection officer
27 shall request such designation in writing, and submit it to the superintendent of the school
28 district **or the executive director of the charter school governing board** which employs
29 him or her ~~[as a teacher or administrator]~~. Along with this request, any ~~[teacher or~~
30 ~~administrator]~~ **employee** seeking to carry a concealed firearm on school property shall also
31 submit proof that he or she has a valid concealed carry endorsement or permit, and all
32 ~~[teachers and administrators]~~ **employees** seeking the designation of school protection officer
33 shall submit a certificate of school protection officer training program completion from a
34 training program approved by the director of the department of public safety which
35 demonstrates that such person has successfully completed the training requirements
36 established by the POST commission under chapter 590 for school protection officers.

37 7. No school district **or charter school** may designate ~~[a teacher or administrator]~~ **an**
38 **employee** as a school protection officer unless such person has successfully completed a
39 school protection officer training program, which has been approved by the director of the
40 department of public safety. No school district **or charter school** shall allow a school
41 protection officer to carry a concealed firearm on school property unless the school protection
42 officer has a valid concealed carry endorsement or permit.

43 8. Any school district **or charter school** that designates ~~[a teacher or administrator]~~
44 **an employee** as a school protection officer shall, within thirty days, notify, in writing, the
45 director of the department of public safety of the designation, which shall include the
46 following:

- 47 (1) The full name, date of birth, and address of the officer;
48 (2) The name of the school district; and
49 (3) The date such person was designated as a school protection officer.

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51 Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, any identifying information
52 collected under the authority of this subsection shall not be considered public information and
53 shall not be subject to a request for public records made under chapter 610.

54 9. A school district **or charter school** may revoke the designation of a person as a
55 school protection officer for any reason and shall immediately notify the designated school
56 protection officer in writing of the revocation. The school district **or charter school** shall
57 also within thirty days of the revocation notify the director of the department of public safety
58 in writing of the revocation of the designation of such person as a school protection officer. A
59 person who has had the designation of school protection officer revoked has no right to appeal
60 the revocation decision.

61 10. The director of the department of public safety shall maintain a listing of all
62 persons designated by school districts **and charter schools** as school protection officers and
63 shall make this list available to all law enforcement agencies.

64 11. Before a school district **or charter school** may designate ~~[a teacher or~~
65 ~~administrator]~~ **an employee** as a school protection officer, the school board **or governing**
66 **board** shall hold a public hearing on whether to allow such designation. Notice of the
67 hearing shall be published at least fifteen days before the date of the hearing in a newspaper
68 of general circulation within the city or county in which the school district **or charter school**
69 is located. The **school board or governing board** may determine at a closed meeting, as
70 "closed meeting" is defined under section 610.010, whether to authorize the designated school
71 protection officer to carry a concealed firearm or a self-defense spray device.

72 **12. Each school district and charter school may consider implementing a school**
73 **protection officer program consistent with the provisions of this section. If**
74 **implementing a school protection officer program, the school board of each school**
75 **district and governing board of each charter school shall hold a public hearing and**
76 **determine by a vote at the hearing whether to implement such a program.**

170.315. 1. (1) There is hereby established the "Active Shooter and Intruder
2 Response Training for Schools Program (ASIRT)".

3 (2) For each school year ending before July 1, ~~[2026]~~ **2027**, each school district and
4 charter school ~~[may]~~ **shall** include in its teacher and school employee training a component
5 on how to properly respond to students who provide them with information about a
6 threatening situation and how to address situations in which there is a potentially dangerous
7 or armed intruder in the school. Training ~~[may]~~ **shall** also include information and techniques
8 on how to address situations where an active shooter is present in the school or on school
9 property.

10 (3) For the 2026-27 school year and all subsequent school years, each school district
11 and charter school shall include in its teacher and school employee training components on:

12 (a) How to properly respond to students who provide a teacher or school employee
13 with information about a threatening situation;

14 (b) How to address situations in which there is a potentially dangerous or armed
15 intruder in the school;

16 (c) Information and techniques on how to address situations where an active shooter
17 is present in the school or on school property;

18 (d) How to identify potential threats or safety hazards; and

19 (e) Protocols for emergencies in the school including, but not limited to:

20 a. Evacuations;

21 b. Severe weather;

22 c. Earthquakes;

23 d. Fire; and

24 e. Medical.

25 2. For the 2026-27 school year and all subsequent school years, each school district
26 and charter school that elects to provide such training shall conduct the training on an annual
27 basis. The length of training shall be determined by the school district or charter school
28 electing to provide such training.

29 3. All school ~~personnel~~ **employees** may participate in a simulated active shooter and
30 intruder response drill conducted and led by law enforcement professionals or school safety
31 professionals. Each drill shall include an explanation of its purpose and a safety briefing.

32 4. All instructors for the program shall be certified by the department of public
33 safety's peace officers standards training commission.

34 5. School districts and charter schools may consult and collaborate with law
35 enforcement authorities, emergency response agencies, and other organizations and entities
36 trained to deal with active shooters or potentially dangerous or armed intruders.

37 6. Public schools shall actively foster an environment in which students feel
38 comfortable sharing information they have regarding a potentially threatening or dangerous
39 situation with a responsible adult. As part of each public school's efforts to actively foster
40 such environment, each public school shall annually provide age-appropriate information and
41 training on the Missouri state highway patrol's Courage2ReportMO (C2R) reporting
42 mechanism or its successor reporting mechanism.

43 7. For the 2026-27 school year and all subsequent school years, each school district
44 and charter school shall hold an age-appropriate active shooter exercise in which students,
45 teachers, and other school employees participate in and practice the procedures for safety and
46 protection to be implemented under such conditions.

590.010. As used in this chapter, the following terms mean:

2 (1) "Commission", when not obviously referring to the POST commission, means a
3 grant of authority to act as a peace officer;

4 (2) "Director", the director of the Missouri department of public safety or his or her
5 designated agent or representative;

6 (3) "Peace officer", a law enforcement officer of the state or any political subdivision
7 of the state with the power of arrest for a violation of the criminal code or declared or deemed
8 to be a peace officer by state statute;

9 (4) "POST commission", the peace officer standards and training commission;

10 (5) "Reserve peace officer", a peace officer who regularly works less than thirty hours
11 per week;

12 (6) "School protection officer", an ~~elementary or secondary school teacher or~~
13 ~~administrator]~~ **employee of a school district or charter school** who has been designated as a
14 school protection officer ~~[by a school district]~~.

590.100. 1. The director shall have cause to deny any application for a peace officer
2 license or entrance into a basic training course when the director has knowledge that would
3 constitute cause to discipline the applicant if the applicant were licensed.

4 2. **The director shall have cause to deny any application for a peace officer**
5 **license or entrance into a basic training course when the applicant had a peace officer**
6 **license or certification that was revoked or surrendered.**

7 3. When the director has knowledge of cause to deny an application pursuant to this
8 section, the director may grant the application subject to probation or may deny the
9 application. The director shall notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for such action
10 and of the right to appeal pursuant to this section.

11 ~~[3-]~~ 4. Any applicant aggrieved by a decision of the director pursuant to this section
12 may appeal within thirty days to the administrative hearing commission, which shall conduct
13 a hearing to determine whether the director has cause for denial, and which shall issue
14 findings of fact and conclusions of law on the matter. The administrative hearing commission
15 shall not consider the relative severity of the cause for denial or any rehabilitation of the
16 applicant or otherwise impinge upon the discretion of the director to determine whether to
17 grant the application subject to probation or deny the application when cause exists pursuant
18 to this section. Failure to submit a written request for a hearing to the administrative hearing
19 commission within thirty days after a decision of the director pursuant to this section shall
20 constitute a waiver of the right to appeal such decision.

21 ~~[4-]~~ 5. Upon a finding by the administrative hearing commission that cause for denial
22 exists, the director shall not be bound by any prior action on the matter and shall, within thirty
23 days, hold a hearing to determine whether to grant the application subject to probation or

24 deny the application. If the licensee fails to appear at the director's hearing, this shall
25 constitute a waiver of the right to such hearing.

26 ~~[5.]~~ 6. The provisions of chapter 621 and any amendments thereto, except those
27 provisions or amendments that are in conflict with this chapter, shall apply to and govern the
28 proceedings of the administrative hearing commission pursuant to this section and the rights
29 and duties of the parties involved.

590.205. 1. The POST commission shall establish minimum standards for school
2 protection officer training instructors, training centers, and training programs.

3 2. The director shall develop and maintain a list of approved school protection officer
4 training instructors, training centers, and training programs. The director shall not place any
5 instructor, training center, or training program on its approved list unless such instructor,
6 training center, or training program meets all of the POST commission requirements under
7 this section and section 590.200. The director shall make this approved list available to every
8 school district in the state. The required training to become a school protection officer shall
9 be provided by those firearm instructors, private and public, who have successfully completed
10 a department of public safety POST certified law enforcement firearms instructor school.

11 3. Each person seeking entrance into a school protection officer training center or
12 training program shall submit a fingerprint card and authorization for a criminal history
13 background check to include the records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to the training
14 center or training program where such person is seeking entrance. The training center or
15 training program shall cause a criminal history background check to be made and shall cause
16 the resulting report to be forwarded to the school district where the ~~[elementary school~~
17 ~~teacher or administrator]~~ **employee** is seeking to be designated as a school protection officer.

18 4. No person shall be admitted to a school protection officer training center or
19 training program unless such person submits proof to the training center or training program
20 that he or she has a valid concealed carry endorsement or permit.

21 5. A certificate of school protection officer training program completion may be
22 issued to any applicant by any approved school protection officer training instructor. On the
23 certificate of program completion the approved school protection officer training instructor
24 shall affirm that the individual receiving instruction has taken and passed a school protection
25 officer training program that meets the requirements of this section and section 590.200 and
26 indicate whether the individual has a valid concealed carry endorsement or permit. The
27 instructor shall also provide a copy of such certificate to the director of the department of
28 public safety.

29 **6. The POST commission shall establish requirements for the continuing**
30 **education of all school protection officers. All school protection officers shall annually**
31 **receive twenty hours of firearms skill development training.**

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