

1 HB209
2 202338-3
3 By Representative Pettus
4 RFD: Public Safety and Homeland Security
5 First Read: 19-MAR-19

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2 ENROLLED, An Act,

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

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

9 "§16-1-44.1.

10 "(a) As used in this section, the following terms
11 have the following meanings:

12 "(1) RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER. A person who
13 was a law enforcement officer and retired in good standing
14 from a federal, state, or local law enforcement agency with at
15 least 20 years of law enforcement experience.

16 "(2) SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER. A person who is
17 certified by the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and
18 Training Commission as a law enforcement officer, whose
19 certification is in good standing, and who has the power of
20 arrest.

21 "~~(a)~~ (b) A local board of education may employ
22 persons as school security personnel or contract with a local
23 chief of police or sheriff to employ school resource officers.
24 A local board of education may allow any person employed by
25 the board as school security personnel or as a school resource

1 officer to carry a firearm while on duty if the employee
2 satisfies all of the following qualifications:

3 "(1) He or she is certified by the Alabama Peace
4 Officers' Standards and Training Commission as a law
5 enforcement officer whose certification is in good standing or
6 he or she is a retired law enforcement officer.

7 "(2) He or she ~~and who~~ has successfully completed
8 active shooter training approved by the Alabama State Law
9 Enforcement Agency.

10 "~~(2)~~ (3) He or she annually completes and passes the
11 firearm requalification required of law enforcement officers
12 by the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training
13 Commission.

14 "~~(3)~~ (4) While on duty, he He or she ~~must carry~~
15 carries a non-lethal weapon and ~~must be~~ is trained in the
16 appropriate use of that non-lethal weapon.

17 "(c) Nothing in this section confers upon any
18 individual the power of arrest.

19 "~~(b)~~ (d) 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."

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

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was passed by the House 15-MAY-19, as amended.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate	30-MAY-19	Amended and Passed
House	31-MAY-19	Concurred in Senate Amendment