HB309
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By Representative Carns
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SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the president or chief executive officer of certain educational institutions may appoint and employ one or more suitable persons to act as police officers to keep off intruders and prevent trespass upon, and damage to, the property of the college or university or of the institute.

This bill would authorize the president or a chief executive officer of Madison Academy and Briarwood Presbyterian Church and its integrated auxiliary Briarwood Christian School to appoint and employ one or more suitable persons to act as police officers to keep off intruders and prevent trespass upon, and damage to, the property of the school or academy.

A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT
Relating to law enforcement; to amend Section 16-22-1, Code of Alabama 1975, to authorize the president or chief executive officer of Madison Academy and Briarwood Presbyterian Church and its integrated auxiliary Briarwood Christian School to appoint and employ one or more suitable persons to act as police officers to protect the property of the school or academy.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 16-22-1, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§16-22-1.

"(a) The president or chief executive officer of any state college or university, the president or chief executive officer of the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind, and the Presidents or chief executive officers of Talladega College, Concordia College, Samford University, Birmingham-Southern College, Miles College, Stillman College, Tuskegee University, Spring Hill College, Faulkner University, and Selma University, Madison Academy, and Briarwood Presbyterian Church and its integrated auxiliary Briarwood Christian School may appoint and employ one or more suitable persons to act as police officers to keep off intruders and prevent trespass upon and damage to the property of the college or university or of the institute. These persons shall be charged with all the duties and invested with all the powers of police officers."
"(b) Any person appointed to act as a police officer, pursuant to subsection (a), while on duty, shall carry and be trained in the proper use of a nonlethal weapon. For the purposes of this subsection, a nonlethal weapon is a weapon that is explicitly designed and primarily employed to immediately incapacitate the targeted person while minimizing fatalities and permanent injury. A nonlethal weapon is intended to have a reversible effect on the targeted person.

"(c) A person appointed as a police officer pursuant to subsection (a) shall be certified through the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission.

"(d) This section is cumulative."

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