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9 A BILL
10 TO BE ENTITLED
11 AN ACT
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13 Relating to school safety in Etowah County; to allow
14 retired law enforcement officers to serve on a part-time basis
15 as school resource officers in schools in Etowah County; and
16 to require part-time school resource officers to be certified
17 by the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training
18 Commission but to waive certification and recertification
19 requirements relating to physical qualifications.

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

21 Section 1. This act shall apply only in Etowah
22 County.

23 Section 2. (a) A person who retired from the
24 position of municipal police officer, deputy sheriff, or other
25 position that required certification by the Alabama Peace
26 Officers' Standards and Training Commission (the commission)
27 and who resigned in good standing may be employed as a

1 part-time school resource officer by Etowah County or by a
2 municipality or local school district in Etowah County in
3 accordance with this section.

4 (b) As a part-time employee, a school resource
5 officer shall not be eligible for health insurance or
6 retirement benefits beyond those benefits the person is
7 already receiving through his or her former full-time
8 employment. Even though part-time, a part-time school resource
9 officer may be required to work a schedule that coincides with
10 a full school day schedule for the period when school is in
11 regular operation and as otherwise needed.

12 (c) A part-time school resource officer shall be
13 certified by the commission. However, a part-time school
14 resource officer shall not be required to meet physical
15 examination requirements.

16 (d) Part-time school resource officers shall have
17 all rights, privileges, and powers of a law enforcement
18 officer certified by the commission under the laws of the
19 state.

20 (e) A chief of police or sheriff and members of his
21 or her force, as applicable, shall have immunity from civil
22 liability for actions arising from his or her position as a
23 part-time school resource officer.

24 (f) In a municipality that has its own police force,
25 preference in hiring a part-time school resource officer shall
26 be given to a retired municipal police officer. In all other

1 unincorporated areas of Etowah County, preference in hiring
2 shall be given to a retired deputy sheriff.

3 (g) Funding for part-time school resource officers
4 may come from local, state, or federal budgets or from any
5 board of education, or a combination thereof. The rate of pay
6 for a part-time school resource officer shall not be tied to
7 any existing pay scale used by the hiring authority but shall
8 instead be at the discretion of the hiring authority.

9 (h) This section shall not apply to a full-time law
10 enforcement officer serving in the capacity as a school
11 resource officer on a regular basis as of the effective date
12 of this act and employed by a law enforcement agency. A
13 full-time law enforcement officer working in this capacity may
14 continue his or her full-time status at the discretion of the
15 chief of police or sheriff, as appropriate.

16 Section 3. This act shall become effective
17 immediately following its passage and approval by the
18 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.