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SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the president or chief executive officer of any state college or university and of certain other specified educational institutions may appoint and employ persons to act as police officers to keep off intruders and prevent trespass to the property of the institution.

Also under existing law, such appointed officers are deemed peace officers whose authority extends to any place in the state in certain specified situations.

This bill would add Faulkner University to the list of institutions that are authorized to appoint such police officers.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1           To amend Section 16-22-1, Code of Alabama 1975, as  
2 amended by Act 2013-191, 2013 Regular Session, relating to the  
3 appointment of police officers at certain educational  
4 institutions; to grant such authority to the president or  
5 chief executive officer of Faulkner University.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

7           Section 1. Section 16-22-1 of the Code of Alabama  
8 1975, as amended by Act 2013-191, 2013 Regular Session, is  
9 amended to read as follows:

10           "§16-22-1.

11           "(a) The president or chief executive officer of any  
12 state college or university, the president or chief executive  
13 officer of the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind, the  
14 Presidents of Talladega College, Concordia College, Samford  
15 University, Birmingham-Southern College, Miles College,  
16 Stillman College, Tuskegee University, Spring Hill College,  
17 Faulkner University, and Selma University may appoint and  
18 employ one or more suitable persons to act as police officers  
19 to keep off intruders and prevent trespass upon and damage to  
20 the property of the college or university or of the institute.  
21 These persons shall be charged with all the duties and  
22 invested with all the powers of police officers. Any police  
23 officer appointed by the President of Miles College shall be  
24 restricted to the campus and property of Miles College.

25           "(b) Any person appointed to act as a police  
26 officer, pursuant to subsection (a), while on duty, shall  
27 carry and be trained in the proper use of a nonlethal weapon.

1 For the purposes of this subsection, a nonlethal weapon is a  
2 weapon that is explicitly designed and primarily employed to  
3 immediately incapacitate the targeted person while minimizing  
4 fatalities and permanent injury. A nonlethal weapon is  
5 intended to have a reversible effect on the targeted person.

6 "(c) This section is cumulative."

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