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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, public institutions of higher education are authorized to employ campus police officers.

This bill would allow those public institutions of higher education to also employ reserve police officers.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to public institutions of higher education; to add Section 16-22-1.1 to the Code of Alabama 1975; to authorize public institutions of higher education that employ campus police officers to also employ reserve police officers; and to specify the qualifications and duties of reserve campus police officers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 16-22-1.1 is added to the Code of Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

§16-22-1.1

(a) The president or chief executive officer of any public institution of higher education in the state that



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29 employs police officers pursuant to Section 16-22-1, 16-22-2,
30 or other law, may employ one or more reserve police officers,
31 with or without compensation, to assist or aid those full-time
32 or part-time police officers. Reserve police officers employed
33 pursuant to this section shall serve at the pleasure of the
34 president or chief executive officer of the employing
35 institution.

36 (b) Any individual desiring employment as a reserve
37 police officer shall submit a written application to the
38 president or chief executive officer of the institution
39 certifying that he or she is 19 years of age or older, of good
40 moral character and reputation, and that he or she has never
41 been convicted of a felony or of a misdemeanor involving
42 force, violence, or moral turpitude. The applicant shall also
43 consent in writing to a fingerprint and criminal history
44 background check.

45 (c) The functions of a reserve police officer employed
46 pursuant to this section shall be confined to the following:

47 (1) Patrol operation performed for the purpose of
48 detection, prevention, and suppression of crime or enforcement
49 of the traffic or highway laws of the state, provided the
50 reserve police officer shall only perform these duties under
51 the direct control and supervision of a police officer
52 employed by the same institution.

53 (2) Traffic direction and control may be performed
54 without direct supervision if supervisory control is exercised
55 by a police officer employed by the same institution whose
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57 limits.

58 (3) Reserve police officers may render crowd control
59 assistance at public gatherings or campus functions as
60 directed by the president or chief executive officer of the
61 institution, provided supervisory control shall be exercised
62 by a police officer employed by the same institution whose
63 span of control would be considered within reasonable limits.

64 (d) No reserve police officer may exercise any power of
65 arrest unless he or she has completed and maintains current
66 certification from the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and
67 Training Commission as set out in Article 3, Chapter 21, Title
68 36.

69 (e) No reserve police officer shall carry any firearm
70 while on duty, unless he or she has obtained a properly issued
71 permit for the firearm and the president or chief executive
72 officer of the employing institution has approved his or her
73 use of the firearm. Reserve police officers may use approved
74 firearms only to the extent permitted by properly adopted
75 policies of the institution.

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