



# House of Representatives

**File No. 948**

General Assembly

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**(Reprint of File No. 634)**

Substitute House Bill No. 6489  
As Amended by House Amendment  
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner  
May 11, 2009

**AN ACT CONCERNING A PLAN FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2009*) (a) On or before January 1, 2010, the  
2 Police Officer Standards and Training Council, in consultation with the  
3 Department of Children and Families, the Department of Education,  
4 the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Department and the  
5 Connecticut School Resource Officer Association, shall develop a plan  
6 for a school resource officer training course that includes, but is not  
7 limited to, (1) the role and responsibility of school resource officers, (2)  
8 relevant state and federal laws, (3) security awareness in the school  
9 environment, (4) counseling, mediation and conflict resolution, (5)  
10 disaster and emergency response, (6) deescalation of student behavior,  
11 including, but not limited to, students with behavioral health and  
12 special education needs, (7) child and adolescent psychology and  
13 development, (8) cultural competence, and (9) gender-responsive  
14 strategies. The plan shall include a cost estimate and timetable for  
15 development and implementation of such course and the requirement

16 for successful completion of such course by school resource officers. As  
17 used in this subsection, "school resource officer" means a sworn  
18 member of a local police department or the Division of State Police  
19 within the Department of Public Safety who has been assigned to a  
20 school in accordance with an agreement between the chief of the  
21 appropriate law enforcement agency or the Commissioner of Public  
22 Safety and the local or regional board of education.

23 (b) On or before January 1, 2010, the Department of Education shall  
24 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general  
25 statutes, on the plan developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this  
26 section to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
27 having cognizance of matters relating to education.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	New section

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 10 \$	FY 11 \$
Police Officer Std. & Training Council	GF - Cost	Minimal	None

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill requires the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POST), in consultation with several other entities, to develop a plan for a school resource officer training course. It is anticipated that this will result in a minimal cost to POST in FY 10 associated with producing training materials and potential overtime costs to staff for developing the training course. It is anticipated that the entire cost of developing the course will be less than \$10,000.

No funding has been included within sHB 6365, the FY 10-11 Biennial Budget as favorably reported by the Appropriations Committee, for the purposes of this bill.

House "A" removed the State Department of Education (SDE) as the lead agency developing the plan and replaced it with POST.

**The Out Years**

There are no costs in the out years, as POST is required to develop the program on or before January 1, 2010.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

**sHB 6489 (as amended by House "A")\***

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**SUMMARY:**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 30 Nay 0 (04/01/2009)

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 1 (04/28/2009)