



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6489

January Session, 2009

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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 Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of
3 Children and Families, the Court Support Services Division of the
4 Judicial Department and the Connecticut School Resource Officer
5 Association, shall develop a plan for a school resource officer training
6 course that includes, but is not limited to, (1) the role and
7 responsibility of school resource officers, (2) relevant state and federal
8 laws, (3) security awareness in the school environment, (4) counseling,
9 mediation and conflict resolution, (5) disaster and emergency
10 response, (6) deescalation of student behavior, including, but not
11 limited to, students with behavioral health and special education
12 needs, (7) child and adolescent psychology and development, (8)
13 cultural competence, and (9) gender-responsive strategies. The plan
14 shall include a cost estimate and timetable for development and
15 implementation of such course and the requirement for successful
16 completion of such course by school resource officers. As used in this
17 subsection, "school resource officer" means a police officer or any
18 member of a law enforcement unit, as defined in section 7-294a of the
19 general statutes, who has been assigned to a school in accordance with
20 an agreement between the chief of the appropriate law enforcement

21 agency and the local or regional board of education.

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

ED *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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