



Senate

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1095

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The Committee on Education reported through SEN. MCCRORY, D. of the 2nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 10-233m of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

3 Each local or regional board of education that assigns a school
4 resource officer to any school under the jurisdiction of such board shall
5 enter into a memorandum of understanding with a local law
6 enforcement agency regarding the role and responsibility of such school
7 resource officer. Such memorandum of understanding shall (1) be
8 maintained in a central location in the school district and posted on the
9 Internet web site of the school district and the school in which such
10 school resource officer is assigned, (2) include provisions addressing
11 daily interactions between students and school personnel with school
12 resource officers, and [shall] (3) include a graduated response model for
13 student discipline. Any such memorandum of understanding entered
14 into, extended, updated or amended (A) on or after July 1, 2021, shall
15 include a provision that requires all school resource officers to complete,

16 while in the performance of their duties as school resource officers and
 17 during periods when such school resource officers are assigned to be at
 18 the school, any separate training specifically related to social-emotional
 19 learning and restorative practices provided to certified employees of the
 20 school pursuant to sections 10-148a and 10-220a, and (B) on or after July
 21 1, 2023, shall include provisions specifying a school resource officer's
 22 duties concerning, and procedures for, the restraint of students, use of
 23 firearms and school-based arrests. For the purposes of this section,
 24 "school resource officer" means a sworn police officer of a local law
 25 enforcement agency who has been assigned to a school pursuant to an
 26 agreement between the local or regional board of education and the
 27 chief of police of a local law enforcement agency.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2023	10-233m

ED *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill has no fiscal impact. It requires a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between a local or regional school district and a local law enforcement agency regarding school resource officers (required under current law) to be posted in a central location in the school district and posted on the district's Internet web site. It also requires such MOU to include certain provisions. It is anticipated that school districts can meet these requirements within existing resources.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 1095*****AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS.*****SUMMARY**

By law, each local or regional board of education that assigns a school resource officer (SRO) to its schools must have a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with a local law enforcement agency. The MOU must address the SRO's role and responsibility in the school, including the officer's interactions with students and staff, as well as training requirements.

This bill adds the requirement that, as of July 1, 2023, these MOUs specify SRO duties and procedures for the use of student restraint, firearms, and school-based arrests. Additionally, it requires school boards to post their MOU on their website and in the school where the SRO is assigned, as well as maintain the MOU in a central location in the school district.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2023

BACKGROUND***School Resource Officer***

An SRO is a sworn police officer of a local law enforcement agency who has been assigned to a school under an MOU between the school board and a local law enforcement agency's police chief (CGS § 10-233m).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 28 Nay 13 (03/10/2023)