



2021 SENATE BILL 474

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1 **AN ACT to create** 66.0512 and 165.28 (4) of the statutes; **relating to:** school
2 resource officers.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law provides standards and training requirements for law enforcement officers, but current law does not provide specific standards or training requirements for school resource officers, who are law enforcement officers assigned by a law enforcement agency to work in collaboration with a school district, private school, or independent charter school. This bill requires the Office of School Safety in the Department of Justice to develop standards and approve a certified training program for school resource officers. The bill prohibits law enforcement agencies from assigning officers after September 1, 2022, as school resource officers unless they have completed a training program that DOJ has approved.

The bill also requires the Office of School Safety to maintain a database of all school resource officers. Under the bill, the office must include in the database the school district, private school, or independent charter school to which each school resource officer is assigned and when the officer completed the training required under the bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 66.0512 of the statutes is created to read:

SENATE BILL 474**SECTION 1**

1 **66.0512 School resource officers. (1)** In this section:

2 (a) “Law enforcement agency” has the meaning given in s. 165.83 (1) (b).

3 (b) “Law enforcement officer” means a person employed by the state or a
4 political subdivision of the state for the purpose of detecting and preventing crime
5 and enforcing laws or ordinances and who is authorized to make arrests for violations
6 of the laws or ordinances that the person is employed to enforce.

7 (c) “School resource officer” means a law enforcement officer who is deployed
8 in community-oriented policing and assigned by the law enforcement agency that
9 employs him or her to work in a full-time capacity in collaboration with a school
10 district, a governing body of a private school, or an operator of a charter school
11 authorized under s. 118.40 (2r) or (2x).

12 **(2)** No law enforcement agency may assign a law enforcement officer to be a
13 school resource officer unless the law enforcement officer completes a training
14 program that is approved under s. 165.28 (4) (a).

15 **(3)** If a law enforcement agency assigns a law enforcement officer to be a school
16 resource officer, the law enforcement agency shall provide the department of justice
17 with the information the department requests for the database under s. 165.28 (4)
18 (b).

19 **SECTION 2.** 165.28 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

20 165.28 (4) (a) No later than 90 days after the effective date of this paragraph
21 [LRB inserts date], develop standards and approve a certified training program
22 regarding the role and function of school resource officers, deescalation techniques,
23 and the employment of law enforcement officers in an educational environment. In
24 this subsection, “school resource officer” has the meaning given in s. 66.0512 (1) (c).

