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ENROLLED, An Act,

Relating to school safety in Etowah County; to allow retired law enforcement officers to serve on a part-time basis as school resource officers in schools in Etowah County.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. This act shall apply only in Etowah County.

Section 2. (a) A person who retired from the position of municipal police officer, deputy sheriff, or other position that required certification by the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission (the commission) and who retired in good standing may be employed as a part-time school resource officer by Etowah County or by a municipality or local school district in Etowah County in accordance with this section.

(b) As a part-time employee, a school resource officer shall not be eligible for health insurance or retirement benefits beyond those benefits the person is already receiving through his or her former full-time employment. Even though part-time, a part-time school resource officer may be required to work a schedule that coincides with a full school day schedule for the period when school is in regular operation and as otherwise needed.

1           (c) Part-time school resource officers shall have  
2 all rights, privileges, and powers of a law enforcement  
3 officer certified by the commission under the laws of the  
4 state.

5           (d) A chief of police or sheriff and members of his  
6 or her force, as applicable, shall have immunity from civil  
7 liability for actions arising from his or her position as a  
8 part-time school resource officer.

9           (e) In a municipality that has its own police force,  
10 preference in hiring a part-time school resource officer shall  
11 be given to a retired municipal police officer. In all other  
12 unincorporated areas of Etowah County, preference in hiring  
13 shall be given to a retired deputy sheriff.

14           (f) Funding for part-time school resource officers  
15 may come from local, state, or federal budgets or from any  
16 board of education, or a combination thereof. The rate of pay  
17 for a part-time school resource officer shall not be tied to  
18 any existing pay scale used by the hiring authority but shall  
19 instead be at the discretion of the hiring authority.

20           (g) This section shall not apply to a full-time law  
21 enforcement officer serving in the capacity as a school  
22 resource officer on a regular basis as of the effective date  
23 of this act and employed by a law enforcement agency. A  
24 full-time law enforcement officer working in this capacity may

1 continue his or her full-time status at the discretion of the  
2 chief of police or sheriff, as appropriate.

3 Section 3. This act shall become effective on the  
4 first day of the third month following its passage and  
5 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

