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9 A BILL
10 TO BE ENTITLED
11 AN ACT
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13 Relating to school safety in Etowah County; to allow
14 retired law enforcement officers to serve on a part-time basis
15 as school resource officers in schools in Etowah County; and
16 to require part-time school resource officers to be certified
17 by the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training
18 Commission but to waive certification and recertification
19 requirements relating to physical qualifications and
20 continuing education other than firearms and use-of-force
21 training.

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

25 Section 2. (a) A person who retired from the
26 position of municipal police officer, deputy sheriff, or other
27 position that required certification by the Alabama Peace

1 Officers' Standards and Training Commission (the commission)
2 and who resigned in good standing may be employed as a
3 part-time school resource officer by Etowah County or by a
4 municipality or local school district in Etowah County in
5 accordance with this section.

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

14 (c) A part-time school resource officer shall be
15 certified by the commission. However, a part-time school
16 resource officer shall not be required to meet physical
17 examination requirements or continuing education requirements
18 other than those relating to firearms and use-of-force
19 training.

20 (d) Part-time school resource officers shall have
21 all rights, privileges, and powers of a law enforcement
22 officer certified by the commission under the laws of the
23 state.

24 (e) A chief of police or sheriff and members of his
25 or her force, as applicable, shall have immunity from civil
26 liability for actions arising from his or her position as a
27 part-time school resource officer.

1 (f) In a municipality that has its own police force,
2 preference in hiring a part-time school resource officer shall
3 be given to a retired municipal police officer. In all other
4 unincorporated areas of Etowah County, preference in hiring
5 shall be given to a retired deputy sheriff.

6 (g) Funding for part-time school resource officers
7 may come from local, state, or federal budgets or from any
8 board of education, or a combination thereof. The rate of pay
9 for a part-time school resource officer shall not be tied to
10 any existing pay scale used by the hiring authority but shall
11 instead be at the discretion of the hiring authority.

12 (h) This section shall not apply to a full-time law
13 enforcement officer serving in the capacity as a school
14 resource officer on a regular basis as of the effective date
15 of this act and employed by a law enforcement agency. A
16 full-time law enforcement officer working in this capacity may
17 continue his or her full-time status at the discretion of the
18 chief of police or sheriff, as appropriate.

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