

SENATE BILL 1264

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By: **Senators Jennings, Miller, and Waugh**

Constitutional Requirements Complied with for Introduction in the last 35 Days of Session

Introduced and read first time: March 13, 2018

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Primary and Secondary Schools – Law Enforcement Presence**
3 **(School Safety Act 2018: Deterrence)**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring each public school to have an armed school resource officer
5 present on school grounds during certain times; requiring the Department of State
6 Police to assign a State Police officer to a certain public school under certain
7 circumstances; requiring a certain State Police officer to be present on school grounds
8 during certain times under certain circumstances and to carry a firearm; requiring
9 an armed school resource officer or a certain State Police officer assigned to a certain
10 public school to perform certain tasks; authorizing an armed school resource officer
11 or a certain State Police officer assigned to a certain public school to use a certain
12 dog under certain circumstances; requiring each local law enforcement agency to
13 collaborate with certain local public schools to establish a certain response time to
14 an emergency at a certain school; authorizing a local law enforcement agency to
15 collaborate with local private elementary or secondary schools to establish a certain
16 response time to an emergency at a certain school; authorizing a private school to
17 have an armed school resource officer present on school grounds; defining a certain
18 term; and generally relating to law enforcement and primary and secondary schools.

19 BY adding to

20 Article – Education
21 Section 7–441
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2018 Replacement Volume)

24 BY adding to

25 Article – Public Safety
26 Section 3–520
27 Annotated Code of Maryland
28 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
2 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Article – Education**

4 **7-441.**

5 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “ARMED SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER” MEANS A LAW
6 ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AS DEFINED IN § 3-101(E) OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY
7 ARTICLE WHO CARRIES A FIREARM IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER’S
8 CAPACITY AS:

9 (1) A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER, AS DEFINED IN § 26-102 OF THIS
10 ARTICLE;

11 (2) A BALTIMORE CITY SCHOOL POLICE OFFICER, AS DEFINED IN §
12 4-318 OF THIS ARTICLE; OR

13 (3) ANY OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ASSIGNED TO A PUBLIC
14 SCHOOL.

15 (B) EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL HAVE AN ARMED SCHOOL RESOURCE
16 OFFICER PRESENT ON SCHOOL GROUNDS DURING REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS ON
17 SCHOOL DAYS.

18 (C) (1) IF A PUBLIC SCHOOL IS UNABLE TO MEET THE REQUIREMENT
19 UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE
20 SHALL ASSIGN A STATE POLICE OFFICER TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

21 (2) A STATE POLICE OFFICER ASSIGNED TO A PUBLIC SCHOOL
22 UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL:

23 (I) BE PRESENT ON SCHOOL GROUNDS DURING REGULAR
24 SCHOOL HOURS ON SCHOOL DAYS; AND

25 (II) CARRY A FIREARM.

26 (D) AN ARMED SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER OR A STATE POLICE OFFICER
27 ASSIGNED TO A PUBLIC SCHOOL UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL:

28 (1) PERFORM SCREENINGS AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE SCHOOL;

29 (2) REGULARLY PATROL SCHOOL GROUNDS;

