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1 AN ACT Relating to school resource officers to increase school
2 safety; adding new sections to chapter 36.28A RCW; adding a new
3 section to chapter 43.101 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter
4 28A.320 RCW.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 36.28A
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 The definition in this section applies throughout this chapter
9 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

10 (1) "School resource officer" means a commissioned law
11 enforcement officer in the state of Washington with sworn authority
12 to make arrests, deployed in community-oriented policing, and
13 assigned by the employing police department or sheriff's office to
14 work in schools to address crime and disorder problems, gangs, and
15 drug activities affecting or occurring in or around K-12 schools.

16 (2) School resource officers should focus on keeping students out
17 of the criminal justice system when possible and should not be used
18 to attempt to impose criminal sanctions.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.101
20 RCW to read as follows:

1 (1) By December 31, 2019, the commission, in collaboration with
2 the office of the superintendent of public instruction school safety
3 center, shall develop training for school resource officers. The
4 training curriculum must be based on best practices and include
5 information about implicit bias and interacting with students with
6 disabilities.

7 (2) The commission shall make the training developed under
8 subsection (1) of this section available to all school resource
9 officers. The commission may charge a reasonable fee to defer the
10 cost of making the training available.

11 (3) For the purposes of this section, "school resource officer"
12 has the same meaning as in section 1 of this act.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 36.28A
14 RCW to read as follows:

15 (1) By December 31, 2019, the Washington association of sheriffs
16 and police chiefs in collaboration with the Washington state school
17 directors' association must develop and publish a model agreement for
18 school resource officer programs for use by school districts and law
19 enforcement agencies.

20 (2) The model agreement must:

21 (a) State the program's purpose, the roles and responsibilities
22 of school districts and law enforcement agencies, requirements for
23 information sharing, and terms for supervision of the school resource
24 officer; and

25 (b) Require school resource officers to receive the training
26 developed under section 2 of this act.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.320
28 RCW to read as follows:

29 (1) After August 1, 2020, school districts that have a school
30 resource officer program must adopt an agreement with the employing
31 police department or sheriff's office, at a public meeting, that at a
32 minimum incorporates the model agreement developed under section 2 of
33 this act within thirty days of the start of any program.

34 (2) For the purposes of this section, "school resource officer"
35 has the same meaning as in section 1 of this act.

36 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 36.28A
37 RCW to read as follows:

1 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
2 specific purpose, the Washington association of sheriffs and police
3 chiefs must establish and implement a grant program to fund school
4 resource officers. Grants must be awarded to proposals submitted
5 jointly between local law enforcement agencies and public school
6 entities. Grant applications must be reviewed using peer review
7 panels. The Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs may
8 prioritize grant applications that include local matching funds.

9 (2) By December 1st of each year the program is funded, the
10 Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs must submit an
11 annual report to the governor and appropriate committees of the
12 legislature on the program. The report must include information on
13 grant recipients, use of grant funds, and feedback from grant
14 recipients.

15 (3) Nothing in this section prohibits the Washington association
16 of sheriffs and police chiefs from soliciting or accepting private
17 funds to support the purposes of the program created in this section.

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