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BY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 675)

(As Amended and Passed by the House February 28, 2024)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to school security, including by establishing
2 the school security personnel grant program within the
3 department of education and authorizing school employees to
4 be issued professional permits to carry weapons.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 279.84 School security personnel
2 — grant program.

3 1. For purposes of this section:

4 a. "Private school security officer" means an individual
5 employed by a private security business who possesses a permit
6 to carry weapons issued under section 724.6.

7 b. "Private security business" means the same as defined in
8 section 80A.1.

9 c. "School resource officer" means any of the following:

10 (1) A peace officer as defined in section 801.4.

11 (2) A reserve peace officer as defined in section 80D.1A.

12 2. The board of directors of each school district with
13 a total enrollment of at least eight thousand students shall
14 employ, or retain the services of, at least one private school
15 security officer or school resource officer to guard each
16 attendance center where students enrolled in grade nine, grade
17 ten, grade eleven, or grade twelve regularly attend classes,
18 unless a majority of the members of the board of directors of
19 the school district vote to not employ or retain a private
20 school security officer or a school resource officer. A
21 private school security officer employed or retained by the
22 board of directors of a school district pursuant to this
23 subsection shall be required to participate in the annual live
24 scenario training and quarterly live firearms training provided
25 by the department of public safety pursuant to section 724.6,
26 subsection 1, paragraph "a", subparagraph (3).

27 3. The board of directors of each school district with
28 a total enrollment of less than eight thousand students is
29 encouraged to employ, or retain the services of, at least one
30 private school security officer or school resource officer
31 to guard each attendance center where students enrolled in
32 grade nine, grade ten, grade eleven, or grade twelve regularly
33 attend classes. A private school security officer employed
34 or retained by the board of directors of a school district
35 pursuant to this subsection shall be required to participate in

1 the annual live scenario training and quarterly live firearms
2 training provided by the department of public safety pursuant
3 to section 724.6, subsection 1, paragraph "a", subparagraph
4 (3).

5 4. The department of education shall develop and administer
6 a school security personnel grant program to provide annual
7 grants to match moneys provided by a school district described
8 in subsection 2 or 3 to allow such school districts to offset
9 costs associated with employing, or retaining the services
10 of, a private school security officer or school resource
11 officer to guard each attendance center providing education to
12 students enrolled in grade nine, grade ten, grade eleven, or
13 grade twelve. The amount of an annual grant provided by the
14 department of education to a school district that has provided
15 matching moneys pursuant to this subsection shall not exceed
16 fifty thousand dollars for each attendance center of the school
17 district that provides education to students enrolled in grade
18 nine, grade ten, grade eleven, or grade twelve.

19 5. A school security personnel grant program fund
20 is established in the state treasury. The fund shall be
21 administered by the department of education and shall consist
22 of moneys appropriated by the general assembly and other moneys
23 received by the department for deposit in the fund. The moneys
24 in the fund are appropriated to the department for the school
25 security personnel grant program. Notwithstanding section
26 8.33, moneys in the fund at the close of the fiscal year shall
27 not revert to the general fund of the state but shall remain
28 available for expenditure for the school security personnel
29 grant program for subsequent fiscal years.

30 Sec. 2. Section 724.6, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code 2024,
31 is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

32 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (3) A person may be issued a permit
33 to carry weapons if the person is a school employee of a
34 school district, a private school, or an institution of higher
35 education as defined in section 722.11. The person shall

1 complete a prescribed firearm safety training course offered
2 pursuant to section 724.9, subsection 1, prior to being issued
3 a permit, and not be disqualified under section 724.8. A
4 person issued a permit to carry weapons under this subparagraph
5 shall receive one-time, in-person legal training, including
6 training on qualified immunity, annual emergency medical
7 training, and annual communication training that is approved
8 by the department of public safety. The department of public
9 safety shall implement required annual live scenario training
10 and quarterly live firearm training for school employees of a
11 school district, a private school, or an institution of higher
12 education that has opted into participating in the professional
13 permitting of school employees. A school employee issued a
14 professional permit to carry by the department of public safety
15 who is up to date with department of public safety-approved
16 training, and the school district that employs the school
17 employee, shall be entitled to qualified immunity from criminal
18 or civil liability for all damages incurred pursuant to the
19 application of reasonable force at the place of employment.
20 The identity of a person who has been issued a permit pursuant
21 to this subparagraph shall be confidential and shall not be a
22 public record subject to disclosure under chapter 22.

23 Sec. 3. Section 724.6, subsection 2, Code 2024, is amended
24 to read as follows:

25 2. Notwithstanding [subsection 1](#), fire fighters, as defined
26 in [section 411.1, subsection 10](#), airport fire fighters included
27 under [section 97B.49B](#), school employees, and emergency medical
28 care providers other than emergency medical care providers
29 specified in [subsection 1](#), paragraph "a", subparagraph (2),
30 shall not, as a condition of employment, be required to obtain
31 a permit under [this section](#). However, the provisions of
32 this subsection shall not apply to a person designated as an
33 arson investigator by the chief fire officer of a political
34 subdivision.