

## **IC 20-26-18.2**

### **Chapter 18.2. School Resource Officers**

#### **IC 20-26-18.2-1**

##### **"School resource officer"**

Sec. 1. (a) As used in this chapter, "school resource officer" means an individual who:

- (1) has completed the training described in subsection (b);
- (2) is assigned to one (1) or more school corporations or charter schools to:

(A) assist the school safety specialist with the development and implementation of the school safety plan as provided in section 2 of this chapter; and

(B) carry out any additional responsibilities assigned to the school resource officer under the employment engagement, contract, or memorandum of understanding and to:

- (i) protect against outside threats to the physical safety of students;
- (ii) prevent unauthorized access to school property; and
- (iii) secure schools against violence and natural disasters; and

(3) is:

(A) employed by a law enforcement agency;

(B) appointed as a police reserve officer (as described in IC 36-8-3-20) or as a special deputy (as described in IC 36-8-10-10.6) if the police reserve officer or special deputy:

- (i) is subject to the direction of the sheriff or appointing law enforcement agency;
- (ii) is required to obey the rules and orders of the sheriff's department or appointing law enforcement agency;
- (iii) is required to complete all training required of regular full-time law enforcement officers employed by the sheriff's department or appointing law enforcement agency; and

(iv) may be removed by the sheriff or appointing law enforcement agency at any time, with or without cause; or

(C) a school corporation police officer appointed under IC 20-26-16-3.

(b) Before being appointed as a school resource officer, an individual must have:

(1) successfully completed the minimum training requirements established for law enforcement officers under IC 5-2-1-9; and

(2) received at least forty (40) hours of school resource officer training through:

(A) the Indiana law enforcement training board established by IC 5-2-1-3;

(B) the National Association of School Resource Officers; or

(C) another school resource officer training program approved by the Indiana law enforcement training board.

(c) Training described in subsection (b)(2) must include instruction regarding skills, tactics, and strategies necessary to address the special nature of:

(1) school campuses; and

(2) school building security needs and characteristics.

*As added by P.L.172-2013, SEC.7. Amended by P.L.30-2014, SEC.2.*

### **IC 20-26-18.2-2**

#### **Employment of school resource officer; duties**

Sec. 2. (a) A school resource officer may be employed:

(1) by one (1) or more school corporations or charter schools through a contract between a local law enforcement agency and the school corporation or school corporations or the charter school or charter schools;

(2) by one (1) or more school corporations or charter schools;

(3) by a local law enforcement agency that assigns the school resource officer to one (1) or more school corporations or charter schools through a memorandum of understanding between the local law enforcement agency and the school corporation or school corporations or the charter school or charter schools; or

(4) through a contract between an Indiana business that employs persons who meet the qualifications of a school resource officer and the school corporation or school corporations or the charter school or charter schools.

(b) A contract or memorandum of understanding entered into under subsection (a) must state the nature and scope of a school resource officer's duties and responsibilities. A school resource officer's duties and responsibilities include the duty to assist the school corporation's school safety specialist with the development and implementation of a school safety plan that does the following:

(1) Protects against outside threats to the physical safety of students.

(2) Prevents unauthorized access to school property.

(3) Secures schools against violence and natural disasters.

(c) A school resource officer shall consult with local law enforcement officials and first responders when assisting the school corporation's school safety specialist in the development of the school safety plan.

*As added by P.L.172-2013, SEC.7.*

### **IC 20-26-18.2-3**

#### **School resource officer's police powers**

Sec. 3. (a) A school resource officer may:

(1) make an arrest;

(2) conduct a search or a seizure of a person or property using the reasonable suspicion standard;

- (3) carry a firearm on or off school property; and
- (4) exercise other police powers with respect to the enforcement of Indiana laws.

(b) A school resource officer has jurisdiction in every county where the school corporation or charter school engaging the officer operates a school or where the school corporation or charter school's students reside. This subsection does not restrict the jurisdiction that a school resource officer may possess due to the officer's employment by a law enforcement agency.

*As added by P.L.172-2013, SEC.7.*