

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the safety of students; amending s.
3 30.15, F.S.; revising the Chris Hixon, Coach Aaron
4 Feis, and Coach Scott Beigel Guardian Program to
5 include child care facilities; requiring a sheriff to
6 establish a guardian program under certain
7 circumstances; requiring certain security guards to
8 meet specified school guardian training and screening
9 requirements; prohibiting the costs for certain
10 services from exceeding costs established by the
11 Department of Education; authorizing such costs to be
12 adjusted according to the Consumer Price Index;
13 requiring a child care facility or security agency to
14 be responsible for all costs related to the guardian
15 program; authorizing a sheriff to waive such costs for
16 a child care facility; prohibiting a sheriff from
17 waiving costs for initial training of a school
18 security guard; authorizing a sheriff to certify a
19 person as a school security guard if he or she meets
20 specified criteria; revising firearm requirements for
21 school guardians and school security guards;
22 authorizing a sheriff to issue certificates to school
23 security guards who meet specified requirements;
24 requiring a sheriff to maintain specified
25 documentation; requiring a child care facility or

26 | employing security agency to make specified reports;
27 | requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to
28 | maintain specified records; requiring a sheriff to
29 | make specified reports of certain school guardian or
30 | school security guard trainings; prohibiting a child
31 | care facility from operating a school guardian program
32 | under certain circumstances; amending s. 402.305,
33 | F.S.; authorizing a child care facility to partner
34 | with specified entities to establish or assign safe-
35 | school officers and participate in the guardian
36 | program; requiring a child care facility to pay for
37 | the full cost of the guardian program; requiring
38 | compliance with specified provisions relating to safe-
39 | school officers; providing construction; amending s.
40 | 1006.07, F.S.; requiring specified school safety
41 | requirements to be implemented during specified time
42 | periods; revising the requirements for certain gates
43 | and campus access points to be open or unlocked;
44 | providing that certain instructional spaces for career
45 | and technical education are exempt from specified
46 | requirements under certain circumstances; providing
47 | that certain provisions apply to common areas on
48 | school campuses; providing exemptions from certain
49 | requirements for doors, gates, and campus access
50 | points; providing requirements for locked barriers

51 between classrooms and open school campuses; requiring
 52 certain protocols and policies to be provided to
 53 substitute teachers; amending s. 1006.12, F.S.;
 54 requiring a sheriff to conduct specified training;
 55 requiring that certain reports be submitted to a
 56 school security guard's employing agency; requiring a
 57 sheriff's approval before a school security guard's
 58 employment in a county; requiring the Office of Safe
 59 Schools to provide specified information to the
 60 Department of Law Enforcement; providing an effective
 61 date.

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 63 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 65 **Section 1. Paragraph (k) of subsection (1) of section**
 66 **30.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

67 30.15 Powers, duties, and obligations.—
 68 (1) Sheriffs, in their respective counties, in person or
 69 by deputy, shall:
 70 (k) Assist district school boards and charter school
 71 governing boards in complying with, or private schools or child
 72 care facilities, as defined in s. 402.302, in exercising options
 73 in, s. 1006.12. A sheriff must, at a minimum, provide access to
 74 a Chris Hixon, Coach Aaron Feis, and Coach Scott Beigel Guardian
 75 Program to aid in the prevention or abatement of active

76 assailant incidents on school premises, as required under this
77 paragraph. Persons certified as school guardians pursuant to
78 this paragraph have no authority to act in any law enforcement
79 capacity except to the extent necessary to prevent or abate an
80 active assailant incident.

81 1.a. If a local school board has voted by a majority to
82 implement a guardian program or has contracted for the use of
83 school security guards to satisfy the requirements of s.
84 1006.12, the sheriff in that county shall establish a guardian
85 program to provide training for school guardians or school
86 security guards, pursuant to subparagraph 2., to school
87 district, charter school, ~~or~~ private school, child care
88 facility, or security agency employees, either directly or
89 through a contract with another sheriff's office that has
90 established a guardian program. The security agency employing a
91 school security guard is responsible for all training and
92 screening-related costs for a school security guard.

93 b. A charter school governing board in a school district
94 that has not voted, or has declined, to implement a guardian
95 program may request the sheriff in the county to establish a
96 guardian program for the purpose of training the charter school
97 employees or school security guards consistent with the
98 requirements of subparagraph 2. If the county sheriff denies the
99 request, the charter school governing board may contract with a
100 sheriff that has established a guardian program to provide such

101 training. The charter school governing board must notify the
102 superintendent and the sheriff in the charter school's county of
103 the contract prior to its execution. The security agency
104 employing a school security guard is responsible for all
105 training and screening-related costs for a school security
106 guard.

107 c. Beginning January 1, 2026, the costs for services
108 provided in sub-subparagraphs a. and b. may not exceed the costs
109 established by the Department of Education, in consultation with
110 the sheriffs. Such established costs may be adjusted annually to
111 reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index compiled by the
112 United States Department of Labor.

113 ~~d.e.~~ A private school or child care facility in a school
114 district that has not voted, or has declined, to implement a
115 guardian program may request that the sheriff in the county of
116 the private school or child care facility establish a guardian
117 program for the purpose of training private school employees,
118 child care facility employees, or school security guards. If the
119 county sheriff denies the request, the private school or child
120 care facility may contract with a sheriff from another county
121 who has established a guardian program under subparagraph 2. to
122 provide such training. The private school or child care facility
123 must notify the sheriff in the private school's or child care
124 facility's county of the contract with a sheriff from another
125 county before its execution. The private school, child care

126 facility, or security agency is responsible for all training and
127 screening-related costs for a school guardian program. The
128 sheriff providing such training must ensure that any moneys paid
129 by a private school, child care facility, or security agency are
130 not commingled with any funds provided by the state to the
131 sheriff as reimbursement for screening-related and training-
132 related costs of any school district or charter school employee.

133 ~~e.d.~~ The training program required in sub-subparagraph
134 2.b. is a standardized statewide curriculum, and each sheriff
135 providing such training shall adhere to the course of
136 instruction specified in that sub-subparagraph. This
137 subparagraph does not prohibit a sheriff from providing
138 additional training. A school guardian or school security guard
139 who has completed the training program required in sub-
140 subparagraph 2.b. may not be required to attend another
141 sheriff's training program pursuant to that sub-subparagraph
142 unless there has been at least a 1-year break in his or her
143 appointment as a guardian or employment by a security agency as
144 a school security guard in a school.

145 ~~f.e.~~ The sheriff conducting the training pursuant to
146 subparagraph 2. for school district and charter school employees
147 will be reimbursed for screening-related and training-related
148 costs and for providing a one-time stipend of \$500 to each
149 school guardian who participates in the school guardian program.

150 ~~g.f.~~ The sheriff may waive the training and screening-

151 related costs for a private school or child care facility for a
152 school guardian program. Funds provided pursuant to sub-
153 subparagraph f. ~~e.~~ may not be used to subsidize any costs that
154 have been waived by the sheriff. The sheriff may not waive the
155 training and screening-related costs required to be paid by a
156 security agency for initial training or ongoing training of a
157 school security guard.

158 ~~h.g.~~ A person who is certified and in good standing under
159 the Florida Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission,
160 who meets the qualifications established in s. 943.13, and who
161 is otherwise qualified for the position of a school guardian or
162 school security guard may be certified as a school guardian or
163 school security guard by the sheriff without completing the
164 training requirements of sub-subparagraph 2.b. However, a person
165 certified as a school guardian or school security guard under
166 this sub-subparagraph must meet the requirements of sub-
167 subparagraphs 2.c.-e.

168 2. A sheriff who establishes a program shall consult with
169 the Department of Law Enforcement on programmatic guiding
170 principles, practices, and resources, and shall certify as
171 school guardians, without the power of arrest, school employees,
172 as specified in s. 1006.12(3), or shall certify as school
173 security guards those persons employed by a security agency who
174 meet the criteria specified in s. 1006.12(4), and who:

175 a. Hold a valid license issued under s. 790.06 or are

176 otherwise eligible to possess or carry a concealed firearm under
177 chapter 790.

178 b. After satisfying the requirements of s. 1006.12(7),
179 complete a 144-hour training program, consisting of 12 hours of
180 training to improve the school guardian's knowledge and skills
181 necessary to respond to and de-escalate incidents on school
182 premises and 132 total hours of comprehensive firearm safety and
183 proficiency training conducted by Criminal Justice Standards and
184 Training Commission-certified instructors, which must include:

185 (I) Eighty hours of firearms instruction based on the
186 Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission's Law
187 Enforcement Academy training model, which must include at least
188 10 percent but no more than 20 percent more rounds fired than
189 associated with academy training. Program participants must
190 achieve an 85 percent pass rate on the firearms training.

191 (II) Sixteen hours of instruction in precision pistol.

192 (III) Eight hours of discretionary shooting instruction
193 using state-of-the-art simulator exercises.

194 (IV) Sixteen hours of instruction in active shooter or
195 assailant scenarios.

196 (V) Eight hours of instruction in defensive tactics.

197 (VI) Four hours of instruction in legal issues.

198 c. Pass a psychological evaluation administered by a
199 psychologist licensed under chapter 490 and designated by the
200 Department of Law Enforcement and submit the results of the

201 evaluation to the sheriff's office. The Department of Law
202 Enforcement is authorized to provide the sheriff's office with
203 mental health and substance abuse data for compliance with this
204 paragraph.

205 d. Submit to and pass an initial drug test and subsequent
206 random drug tests in accordance with the requirements of s.
207 112.0455 and the sheriff's office.

208 e. Successfully complete ongoing training, weapon
209 inspection, and firearm qualification on at least an annual
210 basis.

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212 The sheriff who conducts the guardian training or waives the
213 training requirements for a person under sub-subparagraph 1.h.
214 ~~1.g.~~ shall issue a school guardian certificate to persons who
215 meet the requirements of this section to the satisfaction of the
216 sheriff, and shall maintain documentation of weapon and
217 equipment inspections, as well as the training, certification,
218 inspection, and qualification records of each school guardian
219 certified by the sheriff. A person who is certified under this
220 paragraph may serve as a school guardian under s. 1006.12(3)
221 only if he or she is appointed by the applicable school district
222 superintendent, charter school principal, ~~or~~ private school head
223 of school, or child care facility owner. A sheriff who conducts
224 the training for a school security guard or waives the training
225 requirements for a person under sub-subparagraph 1.h. and

226 determines that the school security guard has met all the
227 requirements of s. 1006.12(4) shall issue a school security
228 guard certificate to persons who meet the requirements of this
229 section to the satisfaction of the sheriff and shall maintain
230 documentation of weapon and equipment inspections, training,
231 certification, and qualification records for each school
232 security guard certified by the sheriff.

233 3.a.~~(I)~~ Within 30 days after issuing a school guardian or
234 school security guard certificate, the sheriff who issued the
235 certificate must report to the Department of Law Enforcement the
236 name, date of birth, and certification date of the school
237 guardian or school security guard.

238 ~~(II) By September 1, 2024, each sheriff who issued a~~
239 ~~school guardian certificate must report to the Department of Law~~
240 ~~Enforcement the name, date of birth, and certification date of~~
241 ~~each school guardian who received a certificate from the~~
242 ~~sheriff.~~

243 b.~~(I)~~ By February 1 and September 1 of each school year,
244 each school district, charter school, ~~and~~ private school, child
245 care facility, and employing security agency must report in the
246 manner prescribed to the Department of Law Enforcement the name,
247 date of birth, and appointment date of each person appointed as
248 a school guardian or employed as a school security guard. The
249 school district, charter school, ~~and~~ private school, child care
250 facility, and employing security agency must also report in the

251 manner prescribed to the Department of Law Enforcement the date
252 each school guardian or school security guard separates from his
253 or her appointment as a school guardian or employment as a
254 school security guard in a school.

255 ~~(II) By September 1, 2024, each school district, charter~~
256 ~~school, and private school must report to the Department of Law~~
257 ~~Enforcement the name, date of birth, and initial and end-of-~~
258 ~~appointment dates, as applicable, of each person appointed as a~~
259 ~~school guardian.~~

260 c. The Department of Law Enforcement shall maintain a list
261 of each person appointed as a school guardian or certified as a
262 school security guard in the state. The list must include the
263 name and certification date of each school guardian and school
264 security guard and the date the person was appointed as a school
265 guardian or certified as a school security guard, including the
266 name of the school district, charter school, ~~or~~ private school,
267 or child care facility in which the school guardian is
268 appointed, or the employing security agency of a school security
269 guard, any information provided pursuant to s. 1006.12(5), and,
270 if applicable, the date such person separated from his or her
271 appointment as a school guardian or the last date a school
272 security guard served in a school as of the last reporting date.
273 The Department of Law Enforcement shall remove from the list any
274 person whose training has expired pursuant to sub-subparagraph
275 1.e. 1.d.

276 d. Each sheriff must report on a quarterly basis to the
 277 Department of Law Enforcement the schedule for upcoming school
 278 guardian or school security guard trainings, including the dates
 279 of the training, the training locations, a contact person to
 280 register for the training, and the class capacity. If no
 281 trainings are scheduled, the sheriff is not required to report
 282 to the Department of Law Enforcement. The Department of Law
 283 Enforcement shall publish on its website a list of the upcoming
 284 school guardian trainings. The Department of Law Enforcement
 285 must update such list quarterly.

286 e. A sheriff who fails to report the information required
 287 by this subparagraph may not receive reimbursement from the
 288 Department of Education for school guardian trainings. Upon the
 289 submission of the required information, a sheriff is deemed
 290 eligible for such funding and is authorized to continue to
 291 receive reimbursement for school guardian training.

292 f. A school district, charter school, ~~or~~ private school,
 293 child care facility, or employing security agency that fails to
 294 report the information required by this subparagraph is
 295 prohibited from operating ~~may not operate~~ a school guardian
 296 program or employing school security guards in ~~for~~ the following
 297 school year~~,~~ unless the missing ~~school district, charter school,~~
 298 ~~or private school~~ has submitted the required information is
 299 provided.

300 g. By March 1 and October 1 of each school year, the

301 Department of Law Enforcement shall notify the Department of
302 Education of any sheriff, school district, charter school, ~~or~~
303 private school, or child care facility that has not complied
304 with the reporting requirements of this subparagraph.

305 h. The Department of Law Enforcement may adopt rules to
306 implement the requirements of this subparagraph, including
307 requiring additional reporting information only as necessary to
308 uniquely identify each school guardian and school security guard
309 reported.

310 **Section 2. Subsection (20) is added to section 402.305,**
311 **Florida Statutes, to read:**

312 402.305 Licensing standards; child care facilities.—

313 (20) SAFE SCHOOL OFFICERS.—

314 (a) A child care facility may partner with a law
315 enforcement agency or a security agency to establish or assign
316 one or more safe-school officers established in s. 1006.12(1)-
317 (4). The child care facility is responsible for the full cost of
318 implementing any such option, which includes all training costs
319 under the Chris Hixon, Coach Aaron Feis, and Coach Scott Beigel
320 Guardian Program under s. 30.15(1)(k).

321 (b) A child care facility that establishes a safe-school
322 officer must comply with the requirements of s. 1006.12.
323 References to a school district, district school board, or
324 district school superintendent in s. 1006.12(1)-(5) shall also
325 mean an owner of a child care facility. References to a school

326 district employee in s. 1006.12(3) shall also mean child care
327 personnel.

328 **Section 3. Paragraph (f) of subsection (6) of section**
329 **1006.07 is amended, and paragraph (h) is added to that**
330 **subsection, to read:**

331 1006.07 District school board duties relating to student
332 discipline and school safety.—The district school board shall
333 provide for the proper accounting for all students, for the
334 attendance and control of students at school, and for proper
335 attention to health, safety, and other matters relating to the
336 welfare of students, including:

337 (6) SAFETY AND SECURITY BEST PRACTICES.—Each district
338 school superintendent shall establish policies and procedures
339 for the prevention of violence on school grounds, including the
340 assessment of and intervention with individuals whose behavior
341 poses a threat to the safety of the school community.

342 (f) School safety requirements.—~~By August 1, 2024,~~ Each
343 school district and charter school governing board shall comply
344 with the following school safety requirements, which,
345 notwithstanding any other requirements under this paragraph,
346 must be enforced, at a minimum, from 30 minutes before the
347 school start time until 30 minutes after the end of the school
348 day:

349 1. All gates or other access points that restrict ingress
350 to or egress from a school campus shall remain closed and locked

351 when students are on campus. A gate or other campus access point
352 may not be open or unlocked, regardless of whether it is during
353 normal school hours, unless:

354 a. Attended or actively staffed by a person when students
355 are on campus;

356 b. The use is in accordance with a shared use agreement
357 pursuant to s. 1013.101; ~~or~~

358 c. Another closed or locked gate or access point separates
359 the open or unlocked gate from areas occupied by students; or

360 d.~~e.~~ The school safety specialist, or his or her designee,
361 has documented in the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool
362 portal maintained by the Office of Safe Schools that the gate or
363 other access point is not subject to this requirement based upon
364 other safety measures at the school. The office may conduct a
365 compliance visit pursuant to s. 1001.212(14) to review if such
366 determination is appropriate.

367 2.a. All school classrooms and other instructional spaces
368 must be locked to prevent ingress when occupied by students,
369 except between class periods when students are moving between
370 classrooms or other instructional spaces. If a classroom or
371 other instructional space door must be left unlocked or open for
372 any reason other than between class periods when students are
373 moving between classrooms or other instructional spaces, the
374 door must be actively staffed by a person standing or seated at
375 the door.

376 b. Instructional spaces for career and technical education
377 which are designed as open areas for which compliance with the
378 requirements of sub-subparagraph a. affects the health and
379 safety of students may be exempted from compliance with that
380 sub-subparagraph by the school safety specialist. To be exempt,
381 the school safety specialist, or his or her designee, must
382 document in the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool portal
383 maintained by the Office of Safe Schools that the instructional
384 space is exempt from these requirements due to negative impacts
385 to student health and safety and the presence of other safety
386 measures at the school that prevent egress from the
387 instructional space to hallways or other classrooms or
388 instructional spaces.

389 c. Common areas on a school campus, including, but not
390 limited to, cafeterias, auditoriums, and media centers, which
391 are used for instructional time or student testing must meet the
392 requirements of sub-subparagraph a. only when such areas are
393 being used for instructional time or student testing.

394 3. All campus access doors, gates, and other access points
395 that allow ingress to or egress from a school building shall
396 remain closed and locked at all times to prevent ingress,
397 unless:

398 a. A person is actively entering or exiting the door,
399 gate, or other access point;

400 b. The door, gate, or access point is actively staffed by

401 school personnel to prevent unauthorized entry; or

402 c. The school safety specialist, or his or her designee,
403 has documented in the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool
404 portal maintained by the Office of Safe Schools that the open
405 and unlocked door, gate, or other access point is not subject to
406 this requirement based upon other safety measures at the school.
407 There must be at least one locked barrier between classrooms and
408 instructional spaces and open school campus.

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410 The office may conduct a compliance visit pursuant to s.
411 1001.212(14) to review if such determination is appropriate. All
412 campus access doors, gates, and other access points may be
413 electronically or manually controlled by school personnel to
414 allow access by authorized visitors, students, and school
415 personnel.

416 4. All school classrooms and other instructional spaces
417 must clearly and conspicuously mark the safest areas in each
418 classroom or other instructional space where students must
419 shelter in place during an emergency. Students must be notified
420 of these safe areas within the first 10 days of the school year.
421 If it is not feasible to clearly and conspicuously mark the
422 safest areas in a classroom or other instructional space, the
423 school safety specialist, or his or her designee, must document
424 such determination in the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool
425 portal maintained by the Office of Safe Schools, identifying

426 | where affected students must shelter in place. The office shall
427 | assist the school safety specialist with compliance during the
428 | inspection required under s. 1001.212(14).

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430 | Persons who are aware of a violation of this paragraph must
431 | report the violation to the school principal. The school
432 | principal must report the violation to the school safety
433 | specialist no later than the next business day after receiving
434 | such report. If the person who violated this paragraph is the
435 | school principal or charter school administrator, the report
436 | must be made directly to the district school superintendent or
437 | charter school governing board, as applicable.

438 | (h) Provision of school safety protocols and policies.—
439 | Each substitute teacher must be provided all school safety
440 | protocols and policies before beginning his or her first day of
441 | substitute teaching at a school.

442 | **Section 4. Subsections (4) and (5) of section 1006.12,**
443 | **Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

444 | 1006.12 Safe-school officers at each public school.—For
445 | the protection and safety of school personnel, property,
446 | students, and visitors, each district school board and school
447 | district superintendent shall partner with law enforcement
448 | agencies or security agencies to establish or assign one or more
449 | safe-school officers at each school facility within the
450 | district, including charter schools. A district school board

451 must collaborate with charter school governing boards to
 452 facilitate charter school access to all safe-school officer
 453 options available under this section. The school district may
 454 implement any combination of the options in subsections (1)-(4)
 455 to best meet the needs of the school district and charter
 456 schools.

457 (4) SCHOOL SECURITY GUARD.—A school district or charter
 458 school governing board may contract with a security agency as
 459 defined in s. 493.6101(18) to employ as a school security guard
 460 an individual who holds a Class "D" and Class "G" license
 461 pursuant to chapter 493, provided the following training and
 462 contractual conditions are met:

463 (a) An individual who serves as a school security guard,
 464 for purposes of satisfying the requirements of this section,
 465 must:

466 1. Demonstrate completion of 144 hours of required
 467 training conducted by a sheriff pursuant to s. 30.15(1)(k)2.

468 2. Pass a psychological evaluation administered by a
 469 psychologist licensed under chapter 490 and designated by the
 470 Department of Law Enforcement and submit the results of the
 471 evaluation to the sheriff's office, and school district, ~~or~~
 472 charter school governing board, or employing security agency, as
 473 applicable. The Department of Law Enforcement is authorized to
 474 provide the sheriff's office, school district, ~~or~~ charter school
 475 governing board, or employing security agency with mental health

476 and substance abuse data for compliance with this paragraph.

477 3. Submit to and pass an initial drug test and subsequent
478 random drug tests in accordance with the requirements of s.
479 112.0455 and the sheriff's office, school district, ~~or~~ charter
480 school governing board, or employing security agency, as
481 applicable.

482 4. Be approved to work as a school security guard by the
483 sheriff of each county in which the school security guard will
484 be assigned to a school before commencing work at any school in
485 that county. The sheriff's approval authorizes the security
486 agency to assign the school security guard to any school in the
487 county, and the sheriff's approval is not limited to any
488 particular school.

489 ~~5.4.~~ Successfully complete ongoing training, weapon
490 inspection, and firearm qualification conducted by a sheriff
491 pursuant to s. 30.15(1)(k)2.e. on at least an annual basis and
492 provide documentation to the sheriff's office, school district,
493 ~~or~~ charter school governing board, or employing security agency,
494 as applicable.

495 (b) The contract between a security agency and a school
496 district or a charter school governing board regarding
497 requirements applicable to school security guards serving in the
498 capacity of a safe-school officer for purposes of satisfying the
499 requirements of this section shall define the entity or entities
500 responsible ~~for training and the responsibilities for~~

501 maintaining records relating to training, inspection, and
502 firearm qualification.

503 (c) School security guards serving in the capacity of a
504 safe-school officer pursuant to this subsection are in support
505 of school-sanctioned activities for purposes of s. 790.115, and
506 must aid in the prevention or abatement of active assailant
507 incidents on school premises.

508 (d) The Office of Safe Schools shall provide the
509 Department of Law Enforcement any information related to a
510 school security guard that the office receives pursuant to
511 subsection (5).

512 (5) NOTIFICATION.—The district school superintendent or
513 charter school administrator, or a respective designee~~7~~, shall
514 notify the county sheriff and the Office of Safe Schools
515 immediately after, but no later than 72 hours after:

516 (a) A safe-school officer is dismissed for misconduct or
517 is otherwise disciplined.

518 (b) A safe-school officer discharges his or her firearm in
519 the exercise of the safe-school officer's duties, other than for
520 training purposes.

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522 If a district school board, through its adopted policies,
523 procedures, or actions, denies a charter school access to any
524 safe-school officer options pursuant to this section, the school
525 district must assign a school resource officer or school safety

526 officer to the charter school. Under such circumstances, the
527 charter school's share of the costs of the school resource
528 officer or school safety officer may not exceed the safe school
529 allocation funds provided to the charter school pursuant to s.
530 1011.62(12) and shall be retained by the school district.

531 **Section 5.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.