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AN ACT

To repeal sections 160.665, 170.315, 590.010, and 590.205, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof five new sections relating to school safety.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 160.665, 170.315, 590.010, and
2 590.205, RSMo, are repealed and five new sections enacted in
3 lieu thereof, to be known as sections 160.665, 170.315, 590.010,
4 590.205, and 590.1300, to read as follows:

160.665. 1. Any school district **or charter school**
2 within the state may designate one or more [elementary or
3 secondary school teachers or administrators] **employees of**
4 **the district or charter school** as a school protection
5 officer. The responsibilities and duties of a school
6 protection officer are voluntary and shall be in addition to
7 the normal responsibilities and duties of the [teacher or
8 administrator] **employee**. Any compensation for additional
9 duties relating to service as a school protection officer
10 shall be funded by the local school district, with no state
11 funds used for such purpose.

12 2. Any person designated by a school district **or**
13 **charter school** as a school protection officer shall be
14 authorized to carry concealed firearms or a self-defense
15 spray device in any school in the district. A self-defense
16 spray device shall mean any device that is capable of

EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

17 carrying, and that ejects, releases, or emits, a nonlethal
18 solution **or projectile** capable of incapacitating a violent
19 threat. The school protection officer shall not be
20 permitted to allow any firearm or device out of his or her
21 personal control while that firearm or device is on school
22 property. Any school protection officer who violates this
23 subsection may be removed immediately from the classroom and
24 subject to employment termination proceedings.

25 3. A school protection officer has the same authority
26 to detain or use force against any person on school property
27 as provided to any other person under chapter 563.

28 4. Upon detention of a person under subsection 3 of
29 this section, the school protection officer shall
30 immediately notify a school administrator and a school
31 resource officer, if such officer is present at the school.
32 If the person detained is a student then the parents or
33 guardians of the student shall also be immediately notified
34 by a school administrator.

35 5. Any person detained by a school protection officer
36 shall be turned over to a school administrator or law
37 enforcement officer as soon as practically possible and
38 shall not be detained by a school protection officer for
39 more than one hour.

40 6. **A school protection officer shall have an**
41 **affirmative duty to respond in a timely manner to an**
42 **emergency or violent crisis situation in a school setting.**

43 7. Any [teacher or administrator of an elementary or
44 secondary school] **employee of a school district or charter**
45 **school** who seeks to be designated as a school protection
46 officer shall request such designation in writing, and
47 submit it to the superintendent of the school district **or**
48 **the executive director of the charter school governing board**

49 which employs him or her [as a teacher or administrator].
50 Along with this request, any [teacher or administrator]
51 **employee** seeking to carry a concealed firearm on school
52 property shall also submit proof that he or she has a valid
53 concealed carry endorsement or permit, and all [teachers and
54 administrators] **employees** seeking the designation of school
55 protection officer shall submit a certificate of school
56 protection officer training program completion from a
57 training program approved by the director of the department
58 of public safety which demonstrates that such person has
59 successfully completed the training requirements established
60 by the POST commission under chapter 590 for school
61 protection officers.

62 [7.] 8. No school district **or charter school** may
63 designate [a teacher or administrator] **an employee** as a
64 school protection officer unless such person has
65 successfully completed a school protection officer training
66 program, which has been approved by the director of the
67 department of public safety. No school district **or charter**
68 **school** shall allow a school protection officer to carry a
69 concealed firearm on school property unless the school
70 protection officer has a valid concealed carry endorsement
71 or permit.

72 [8.] 9. Any school district **or charter school** that
73 designates [a teacher or administrator] **an employee** as a
74 school protection officer shall, within thirty days, notify,
75 in writing, the director of the department of public safety
76 of the designation, which shall include the following:

77 (1) The full name, date of birth, and address of the
78 officer;

79 (2) The name of the school district; and

80 (3) The date such person was designated as a school
81 protection officer.

82 Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary,
83 any identifying information collected under the authority of
84 this subsection shall not be considered public information
85 and shall not be subject to a request for public records
86 made under chapter 610.

87 **[9.] 10.** A school district **or charter school** may
88 revoke the designation of a person as a school protection
89 officer for any reason and shall immediately notify the
90 designated school protection officer in writing of the
91 revocation. The school district **or charter school** shall
92 also within thirty days of the revocation notify the
93 director of the department of public safety in writing of
94 the revocation of the designation of such person as a school
95 protection officer. A person who has had the designation of
96 school protection officer revoked has no right to appeal the
97 revocation decision.

98 **[10.] 11.** The director of the department of public
99 safety shall maintain a listing of all persons designated by
100 school districts **and charter schools** as school protection
101 officers and shall make this list available to all law
102 enforcement agencies.

103 **[11. Before a school district may designate a teacher**
104 **or administrator]** **12. If an employee submits a request for**
105 **designation** as a school protection officer **to the**
106 **superintendent of the school district or executive director**
107 **of the charter school governing board,** the school board **or**
108 **governing board** shall **promptly** hold a public hearing **[on]**
109 **and determine by a vote at the hearing** whether to allow such
110 designation. Notice of the hearing shall be published at

111 least fifteen days before the date of the hearing in a
112 newspaper of general circulation within the city or county
113 in which the school district is located. **The request for**
114 **designation as a school protection officer shall also**
115 **require the school board [may determine at] or governing**
116 **board to hold a closed meeting, as "closed meeting" is**
117 **defined under section 610.010, and determine by a vote at**
118 **the closed meeting** whether to authorize the designated
119 school protection officer to carry a concealed firearm or a
120 self-defense spray device. **The school board or governing**
121 **board shall hold the closed meeting and vote on the issue**
122 **regardless of whether the employee specifically requested**
123 **authorization to carry a concealed firearm or a self-defense**
124 **spray device on school property in his or her request for**
125 **designation as a school protection officer.**

126 13. Each school district and charter school shall
127 consider implementing a school protection officer program
128 consistent with the provisions of this section. The school
129 board of each school district and governing board of each
130 charter school shall hold a public hearing and determine by
131 a vote at the hearing whether to implement such a program.

132 14. Any school board or governing board that approves
133 a school protection officer program by a vote described in
134 subsection 12 of this section shall notify all the employees
135 of the school district or charter school of the program and
136 the option to request designation as a school protection
137 officer.

170.315. 1. (1) There is hereby established the
2 "Active Shooter and Intruder Response Training for Schools
3 Program (ASIRT)".

4 (2) For each school year ending before July 1, [2026]
5 2027, each school district and charter school [may] shall

6 include in its teacher and school employee training a
7 component on how to properly respond to students who provide
8 them with information about a threatening situation and how
9 to address situations in which there is a potentially
10 dangerous or armed intruder in the school. Training [may]
11 **shall** also include information and techniques on how to
12 address situations where an active shooter is present in the
13 school or on school property.

14 (3) For the 2026-27 school year and all subsequent
15 school years, each school district and charter school shall
16 include in its teacher and school employee training
17 components on:

18 (a) How to properly respond to students who provide a
19 teacher or school employee with information about a
20 threatening situation;

21 (b) How to address situations in which there is a
22 potentially dangerous or armed intruder in the school;

23 (c) Information and techniques on how to address
24 situations where an active shooter is present in the school
25 or on school property;

26 (d) How to identify potential threats or safety
27 hazards; and

28 (e) Protocols for emergencies in the school including,
29 but not limited to:

- 30 a. Evacuations;
- 31 b. Severe weather;
- 32 c. Earthquakes;
- 33 d. Fire; and
- 34 e. Medical.

35 2. For the 2026-27 school year and all subsequent
36 school years, each school district and charter school that
37 elects to provide such training shall conduct the training

38 on an annual basis. The length of training shall be
39 determined by the school district or charter school electing
40 to provide such training.

41 3. All school [personnel] **employees** may participate in
42 a simulated active shooter and intruder response drill
43 conducted and led by law enforcement professionals or school
44 safety professionals. Each drill shall include an
45 explanation of its purpose and a safety briefing.

46 4. All instructors for the program shall be certified
47 by the department of public safety's peace officers
48 standards training commission.

49 5. School districts and charter schools may consult
50 and collaborate with law enforcement authorities, emergency
51 response agencies, and other organizations and entities
52 trained to deal with active shooters or potentially
53 dangerous or armed intruders.

54 6. Public schools shall actively foster an environment
55 in which students feel comfortable sharing information they
56 have regarding a potentially threatening or dangerous
57 situation with a responsible adult. As part of each public
58 school's efforts to actively foster such environment, each
59 public school shall annually provide age-appropriate
60 information and training on the Missouri state highway
61 patrol's Courage2ReportMO (C2R) reporting mechanism or its
62 successor reporting mechanism.

63 7. For the 2026-27 school year and all subsequent
64 school years, each school district and charter school shall
65 hold an age-appropriate active shooter exercise in which
66 students, teachers, and other school employees participate
67 in and practice the procedures for safety and protection to
68 be implemented under such conditions.

590.010. As used in this chapter, the following terms
2 mean:

3 (1) "Commission", when not obviously referring to the
4 POST commission, means a grant of authority to act as a
5 peace officer;

6 (2) "Director", the director of the Missouri
7 department of public safety or his or her designated agent
8 or representative;

9 (3) "Peace officer", a law enforcement officer of the
10 state or any political subdivision of the state with the
11 power of arrest for a violation of the criminal code or
12 declared or deemed to be a peace officer by state statute;

13 (4) "POST commission", the peace officer standards and
14 training commission;

15 (5) "Reserve peace officer", a peace officer who
16 regularly works less than thirty hours per week;

17 (6) "School protection officer", an [elementary or
18 secondary school teacher or administrator] **employee of a**
19 **school district or charter school** who has been designated as
20 a school protection officer [by a school district].

590.205. 1. The POST commission shall establish
2 minimum standards for school protection officer training
3 instructors, training centers, and training programs.

4 2. The director shall develop and maintain a list of
5 approved school protection officer training instructors,
6 training centers, and training programs. **The director shall**
7 **allow private companies to serve as training centers and**
8 **operate training programs under this section.** The director
9 shall not place any instructor, training center, or training
10 program on its approved list unless such instructor,
11 training center, or training program meets all of the POST
12 commission requirements under this section and section

13 590.200. The director shall make this approved list
14 available to every school district in the state. The
15 required training to become a school protection officer
16 shall be provided by those firearm instructors, private and
17 public, who have successfully completed a department of
18 public safety POST certified law enforcement firearms
19 instructor school.

20 3. Each person seeking entrance into a school
21 protection officer training center or training program shall
22 submit a fingerprint card and authorization for a criminal
23 history background check to include the records of the
24 Federal Bureau of Investigation to the training center or
25 training program where such person is seeking entrance. The
26 training center or training program shall cause a criminal
27 history background check to be made and shall cause the
28 resulting report to be forwarded to the school district
29 where the [elementary school teacher or administrator]
30 **employee** is seeking to be designated as a school protection
31 officer.

32 4. No person shall be admitted to a school protection
33 officer training center or training program unless such
34 person submits proof to the training center or training
35 program that he or she has a valid concealed carry
36 endorsement or permit.

37 5. A certificate of school protection officer training
38 program completion may be issued to any applicant by any
39 approved school protection officer training instructor. On
40 the certificate of program completion the approved school
41 protection officer training instructor shall affirm that the
42 individual receiving instruction has taken and passed a
43 school protection officer training program that meets the
44 requirements of this section and section 590.200 and

45 indicate whether the individual has a valid concealed carry
46 endorsement or permit. The instructor shall also provide a
47 copy of such certificate to the director of the department
48 of public safety.

49 6. The POST commission shall establish requirements
50 for the continuing education of all school protection
51 officers. All school protection officers shall annually
52 receive twenty hours of firearms skill development training.

53 7. At least two times each year, all school protection
54 officers shall participate in a joint training on school
55 protection with a local law enforcement agency.

590.1300. 1. The POST commission shall establish a
2 training program to be known as the "Missouri Rangers", and
3 shall establish minimum standards for training instructors,
4 training centers, and training programs that focus on
5 preventing and responding to emergency or violent crisis
6 situations in school settings.

7 2. (1) Each person seeking entrance into the Missouri
8 rangers training program shall submit a fingerprint card and
9 authorization for a criminal history background check to
10 include the records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
11 to the training center or training program where such person
12 is seeking entrance. The training center or training
13 program shall cause a criminal history background check to
14 be made and shall cause the resulting report to be forwarded
15 to the agency where the applicant is seeking to be
16 designated as a Missouri ranger.

17 (2) No person shall be admitted to a Missouri ranger
18 training center or training program unless such person
19 submits proof to the training center or training program
20 that he or she has a valid concealed carry endorsement or
21 permit.

22 3. The arrest powers granted to any person who
23 successfully completes the Missouri rangers training program
24 shall be limited to offenses established under chapter 571
25 and any offense under section 569.140 or 569.155 involving
26 school property. The provisions of this subsection shall
27 not apply to any person who is an active law enforcement
28 officer.

29 4. Each person that successfully completes the
30 Missouri rangers training program shall have an affirmative
31 duty to respond in a timely manner to an emergency or
32 violent crisis situation in a school setting.

33 5. The POST commission shall develop a training
34 program that shall include a program that is not longer than
35 three months, and that shall consist of:

36 (1) State and federal constitutional and statutory law
37 relating to search and seizure;

38 (2) Firearms training;

39 (3) Defensive tactics; and

40 (4) Physical training, provided that no person shall
41 receive a credential under this subdivision unless such
42 person is able to:

43 (a) Run one and one-half miles in less than twelve
44 minutes and thirty seconds;

45 (b) Complete a minimum of four pull-ups;

46 (c) Complete a minimum of forty pushups in less than
47 one minute; and

48 (d) Complete fifty crunches in less than one minute.

49 6. A certificate of Missouri ranger training program
50 completion may be issued to any applicant by any approved
51 Missouri ranger training instructor. On the certificate of
52 program completion, the approved Missouri ranger training
53 instructor shall affirm that the individual receiving

54 instruction has taken and passed a Missouri ranger training
55 program that meets the requirements of this section and
56 shall indicate whether the individual has a valid concealed
57 carry endorsement or permit. The instructor shall also
58 provide a copy of such certificate to the director of the
59 department of public safety.

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