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Short Title: SROs defined/Training Standards.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO DEFINE SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE OFFICER AND REQUIRE  
3 TRAINING STANDARDS FOR THOSE OFFICERS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Article 8C of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by  
6 adding a new section to read:

7 "**§ 115C-105.57. School safety resource officer.**

8 (a) A school safety resource officer is a law enforcement officer who is assigned to one  
9 or more public schools, at least 20 hours per week, to assist with school security, safety,  
10 emergency preparedness, emergency response or any other responsibility assigned by the school  
11 or law enforcement agency.

12 (b) To serve as a school safety resource officer, a law enforcement officer must complete  
13 the initial training to be a school safety resource officer and comply with any continuing  
14 education training requirements, as established by the law enforcement officer's certifying  
15 commission.

16 (c) The North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission  
17 and the North Carolina Sheriff's Education and Training Standards Commission, in collaboration  
18 with the Center for Safer Schools, shall establish initial training and continuing education  
19 standards for school safety resource officers. These standards shall, at a minimum, include  
20 tactical training and mental health training."

21 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 17C-6(a) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

22 "(13) Establish initial training and continuing education training standards for  
23 school safety resource officers, as set forth in G.S. 115C-105.57."

24 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 17E-4(a) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

25 "(14) Establish initial training and continuing education training standards for  
26 school safety resource officers, as set forth in G.S. 115C-105.57."

27 **SECTION 4.** The North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards  
28 Commission and the North Carolina Sheriff's Education and Training Standards Commission, in  
29 collaboration with the Center for Safer Schools, shall establish initial training standards for  
30 school safety resource officers no later than January 15, 2019.

31 **SECTION 5.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to school safety  
32 resource officers employed beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.



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