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A BILL FOR

1 An Act authorizing the use of revenues from the district
2 management levy for the employment of school resource
3 officers and including applicability provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 298.4, subsection 1, Code 2022, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *g.* To pay the costs of employing a school
4 resource officer. For purposes of this paragraph, "school
5 resource officer" means the same as defined in 34 U.S.C. §10389.

6 Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to school budget
7 years beginning on or after July 1, 2023.

8 EXPLANATION

9 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
10 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

11 This bill authorizes the use of revenues from the district
12 management levy for the employment of school resource officers.
13 Under current law, the board of directors of a school district
14 may certify for levy a tax on all taxable property in the
15 school district for a district management levy. The bill
16 authorizes revenues from the district management levy to be
17 expended to pay the costs of employing a school resource
18 officer. The bill defines "school resource officer" to mean a
19 career law enforcement officer, with sworn authority, deployed
20 in community-oriented policing, and assigned by the employing
21 police department or agency to work in collaboration with
22 schools and community-based organizations to address crime
23 and disorder problems, gangs, and drug activities affecting
24 or occurring in or around an elementary or secondary school;
25 to develop or expand crime prevention efforts for students;
26 to educate likely school-age victims in crime prevention and
27 safety; to develop or expand community justice initiatives for
28 students; to train students in conflict resolution, restorative
29 justice, and crime awareness; to assist in the identification
30 of physical changes in the environment that may reduce crime in
31 or around the school; and to assist in developing school policy
32 that addresses crime and to recommend procedural changes.

33 The bill applies to school budget years beginning on or after
34 July 1, 2023.