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BY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 675)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to school security, including by establishing
2 the school security personnel grant program within the
3 department of education and authorizing school employees to
4 be issued professional permits to carry weapons.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 279.84 School security personnel
2 — grant program.

3 1. For purposes of this section:

4 a. "Private school security officer" means an individual
5 employed by a private security business who possesses a permit
6 to carry weapons issued under section 724.6.

7 b. "Private security business" means the same as defined in
8 section 80A.1.

9 c. "School resource officer" means any of the following:

10 (1) A peace officer as defined in section 801.4.

11 (2) A reserve peace officer as defined in section 80D.1A.

12 2. The board of directors of each school district with
13 a total enrollment of at least eight thousand students shall
14 employ, or retain the services of, at least one private school
15 security officer or school resource officer to guard each
16 attendance center where students enrolled in grades nine
17 through twelve regularly attend classes, unless a majority of
18 the members of the board of directors of the school district
19 vote to not employ or retain a private school security officer
20 or a school resource officer. A private school security
21 officer employed or retained by the board of directors of a
22 school district pursuant to this subsection shall be required
23 to participate in the annual live scenario training and
24 quarterly live firearms training provided by the department
25 of public safety pursuant to section 724.6, subsection 1,
26 paragraph "a", subparagraph (3).

27 3. The board of directors of each school district with
28 a total enrollment of less than eight thousand students is
29 encouraged to employ, or retain the services of, at least one
30 private school security officer or school resource officer to
31 guard each attendance center where students enrolled in grades
32 nine through twelve regularly attend classes. A private school
33 security officer employed or retained by the board of directors
34 of a school district pursuant to this subsection shall be
35 required to participate in the annual live scenario training

1 and quarterly live firearms training provided by the department
2 of public safety pursuant to section 724.6, subsection 1,
3 paragraph "a", subparagraph (3).

4 4. The department of education shall develop and administer
5 a school security personnel grant program to provide annual
6 grants to match moneys provided by a school district described
7 in subsection 2 or 3 to allow such school districts to offset
8 costs associated with employing, or retaining the services of,
9 a private school security officer or school resource officer to
10 guard each attendance center providing education to students
11 enrolled in grades nine through twelve. The amount of an
12 annual grant provided by the department of education to a
13 school district that has provided matching moneys pursuant to
14 this subsection shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars.

15 5. A school security personnel grant program fund
16 is established in the state treasury. The fund shall be
17 administered by the department of education and shall consist
18 of moneys appropriated by the general assembly and other moneys
19 received by the department for deposit in the fund. The moneys
20 in the fund are appropriated to the department for the school
21 security personnel grant program. Notwithstanding section
22 8.33, moneys in the fund at the close of the fiscal year shall
23 not revert to the general fund of the state but shall remain
24 available for expenditure for the school security personnel
25 grant program for subsequent fiscal years.

26 Sec. 2. Section 724.6, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code 2024,
27 is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

28 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (3) A person may be issued a permit
29 to carry weapons if the person is a school employee of a
30 school district, a private school, or an institution of higher
31 education as defined in section 722.11. The person shall
32 complete a prescribed firearm safety training course offered
33 pursuant to section 724.9, subsection 1, prior to being issued
34 a permit, and not be disqualified under section 724.8. A
35 person issued a permit to carry weapons under this subparagraph

1 shall receive one-time, in-person legal training, including
2 training on qualified immunity, annual emergency medical
3 training, and annual communication training that is approved
4 by the department of public safety. The department of public
5 safety shall implement required annual live scenario training
6 and quarterly live firearm training for school employees of a
7 school district, a private school, or an institution of higher
8 education that has opted into participating in the professional
9 permitting of school employees. A school employee issued a
10 professional permit to carry by the department of public safety
11 who is up to date with department of public safety-approved
12 training, and the school district that employs the school
13 employee, shall be entitled to qualified immunity from criminal
14 or civil liability for all damages incurred pursuant to the
15 application of reasonable force at the place of employment.
16 The identity of a person who has been issued a permit pursuant
17 to this subparagraph shall be confidential and shall not be a
18 public record subject to disclosure under chapter 22.

19 Sec. 3. Section 724.6, subsection 2, Code 2024, is amended
20 to read as follows:

21 2. Notwithstanding [subsection 1](#), fire fighters, as defined
22 in [section 411.1, subsection 10](#), airport fire fighters included
23 under [section 97B.49B](#), school employees, and emergency medical
24 care providers other than emergency medical care providers
25 specified in [subsection 1](#), paragraph "a", subparagraph (2),
26 shall not, as a condition of employment, be required to obtain
27 a permit under [this section](#). However, the provisions of
28 this subsection shall not apply to a person designated as an
29 arson investigator by the chief fire officer of a political
30 subdivision.

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EXPLANATION

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

34 This bill relates to school security, including by
35 establishing the school security personnel grant program within

1 the department of education, and authorizing school employees
2 to be issued professional permits to carry weapons.

3 The bill requires all school districts with a total
4 enrollment of at least 8,000 students to employ, or retain the
5 services of, at least one private school security officer or
6 school resource officer to guard each attendance center where
7 students enrolled in grades 9 through 12 regularly attend
8 classes, unless a majority of the members of the board of
9 directors of the school district vote to not employ or retain a
10 private school security officer or a school resource officer.

11 The bill encourages all school districts with a total
12 enrollment of less than 8,000 students to employ, or retain
13 the services of, at least one private school security officer
14 or school resource officer to guard each attendance center
15 where students enrolled in grades 9 through 12 regularly
16 attend classes. The bill requires the department of education
17 to develop and administer a school security personnel grant
18 program to provide annual grants to match moneys provided by
19 such school districts to allow the school districts to offset
20 costs associated with employing, or retaining the services of,
21 a private school security officer or school resource officer.
22 The bill provides that the amount of an annual grant provided
23 by the department to a school district that has provided
24 matching moneys pursuant to this provision shall not exceed
25 \$50,000. The bill establishes a school security personnel
26 grant program fund in the state treasury to be administered by
27 the department.

28 The bill defines "private school security officer" to
29 mean an individual employed by a private security business
30 who possesses a permit to carry weapons issued under Code
31 section 724.6 (professional permit to carry weapons). The bill
32 requires a private school security officer employed or retained
33 by the board of directors of a school district to participate
34 in the annual live scenario training and quarterly live firearm
35 training sessions described below. The bill defines "private

1 security business" as a business of furnishing, for hire or
2 reward, guards, watch personnel, armored car personnel, patrol
3 personnel, or other persons to protect persons or property,
4 to prevent the unlawful taking of goods and merchandise, or
5 to prevent the misappropriation or concealment of goods,
6 merchandise, money, securities, or other valuable documents
7 or papers, and includes an individual who for hire patrols,
8 watches, or guards a residential, industrial, or business
9 property or district. Additionally, the bill defines "school
10 resource officer" as either a peace officer, as defined in Code
11 section 801.4, or a reserve peace officer, as defined in Code
12 section 80D.1A.

13 The bill provides that a person may be issued a permit
14 to carry weapons if the person is a school employee of a
15 school district, a private school, or an institution of
16 higher education. The person shall complete a prescribed
17 firearm safety training course offered pursuant to Code
18 section 724.9(1), prior to being issued a permit, and not be
19 ineligible for a permit to carry under Code section 724.8.
20 A person issued a permit to carry weapons is required to
21 receive one-time, in-person legal training, including training
22 on qualified immunity, annual emergency medical training,
23 and annual communication training that is approved by the
24 department of public safety. The department of public safety
25 is required to implement annual live scenario training and
26 quarterly live firearm training for school employees.

27 The bill provides that a school employee issued a
28 professional permit to carry by the department of public safety
29 after completing department of public safety-approved training,
30 and the school district that employs the school employee, is
31 entitled to qualified immunity from criminal or civil liability
32 for all damages incurred pursuant to the application of
33 reasonable force at the place of employment. The bill provides
34 that the identity of a person who has been issued a permit
35 pursuant to this provision is confidential and shall not be a

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1 public record subject to disclosure.

2 The bill provides that a school employee shall not be
3 required, as a condition of employment, to obtain a permit.