

**House File 553 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

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

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1 Section 1. Section 298.4, subsection 1, Code 2025, is amended  
2 by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *h.* To pay the costs of employing, or  
4 retaining the services of, any of the following:

5 (1) A school resource officer as defined in 34 U.S.C. §10389.

6 (2) An individual employed by a private security business who  
7 possesses a permit to carry weapons issued under section 724.6.

8 For purposes of this subparagraph, "*private security business*"  
9 means the same as defined in section 80A.1.

10 (3) A reserve peace officer as defined in section 80D.1A.

11 (4) A peace officer as defined in section 801.4.

12 Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to school budget  
13 years beginning on or after July 1, 2025.

14 EXPLANATION

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

17 This bill authorizes the use of revenues from the district  
18 management levy for the employment or retention of school  
19 security personnel. Under current law, the board of directors  
20 of a school district may certify for levy a tax on all taxable  
21 property in the school district for a district management levy.  
22 The bill authorizes revenues from the district management levy  
23 to be expended to pay the costs of employing, or retaining the  
24 services of, a school resource officer, as defined under federal  
25 law; an individual employed by a private security business  
26 who possesses a permit to carry weapons issued under Code  
27 section 724.6 (professional permit to carry weapons); a reserve  
28 peace officer as defined in Code section 80D.1A (reserve peace  
29 officers); or a peace officer as defined in Code section 801.4  
30 (criminal procedure).

31 The bill applies to school budget years beginning on or after  
32 July 1, 2025.