

House File 9 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing the school security personnel grant program
2 within the department of education and making appropriations.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 279.84, Code 2025, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **279.84 School security — school security personnel grant**
4 **program.**

5 1. For purposes of this section:

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 3. The board of directors of each school district with
30 a total enrollment of less than eight thousand students is
31 encouraged to employ, or retain the services of, at least one
32 private school security officer or school resource officer to
33 guard each attendance center where students enrolled in grade
34 nine, grade ten, grade eleven, or grade twelve regularly attend
35 classes. A private school security officer employed or retained

1 by the board of directors of a school district pursuant to this
2 subsection shall be required to participate in the annual live
3 scenario training and quarterly live firearms training approved
4 by the department of public safety pursuant to section 724.6,
5 subsection 1, paragraph "a", subparagraph (3).

6 4. a. The department of education shall develop and
7 administer a school security personnel grant program to provide
8 annual grants to match moneys provided by school districts with a
9 total enrollment of less than one thousand students to allow such
10 school districts to offset costs associated with employing, or
11 retaining the services of, a private school security officer or
12 school resource officer. The amount of an annual grant provided
13 by the department of education to a school district that has
14 provided matching moneys pursuant to this subsection shall not
15 exceed fifty thousand dollars.

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

27 EXPLANATION

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

30 This bill establishes the school security personnel grant
31 program within the department of education (DE).

32 The bill requires DE to develop and administer the program
33 to provide annual grants to match moneys provided by school
34 districts with a total enrollment of less than 1,000 students
35 to allow such school districts to offset costs associated

1 with employing, or retaining the services of, a private school
2 security officer or school resource officer. Current law defines
3 "private school security officer" to mean an individual employed
4 by a private security business who possesses a permit to carry
5 weapons issued under Code section 724.6 (professional permit
6 to carry weapons). Additionally, current law defines "school
7 resource officer" as either a peace officer or a reserve peace
8 officer.

9 The bill provides that the amount of an annual grant provided
10 by DE to a school district that has provided matching moneys
11 pursuant to this provision shall not exceed \$50,000. The bill
12 establishes a school security personnel grant program fund in the
13 state treasury to be administered by DE.

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