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HOUSE BILL 937

Short Title: SROs Defined/Training Standards. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives J. Bell, Lewis, and Torbett (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to: Education - K-12

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO DEFINE SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCE OFFICER AND TO REQUIRE  
3 TRAINING STANDARDS FOR THOSE OFFICERS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE  
4 HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL SAFETY.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

8 "**§ 115C-105.57. School safety resource officer.**

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

13 (b) All school safety resource officers must comply with any continuing education  
14 training requirements, as established by subsection (c) of this section. A law enforcement officer  
15 who did not serve as a school safety resource officer during the 2018-2019 school year shall also  
16 complete the initial training as established by subsection (c) of this section.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

