

# SB-72

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION

Mr. Van Zandt of Virginia introduced the following bill;

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## A BILL

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*Be it enacted by The American Legion Boys Nation Senate assembled,*

### **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the "School Resource Officers for School Safety Act".

### **SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER.**

A school resource officer is a certified law enforcement officer hired by a local law enforcement agency to provide law enforcement and security services to public schools.

### **SECTION 3. FUNDING OF THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS SALARY.**

Local law enforcement agencies will be given the funds by congress to employ one school resource officer for each public school in their area with over 700 currently enrolled students. In 2022 the

national average salary of police and sheriff's patrol officers was \$71,380 per year per the US Bureau of Labor Statistics. Congress will get the funds for this program through federal income taxes and give each local law enforcement agency \$71,380 for each school resource officer that is needed.

#### **SECTION 4. USE OF FUNDS.**

The funds given to the law enforcement agencies through the money collected for this program are to only be used to pay the salary of the school resource officer. The funds given by this program cannot be used for any other purpose including but not limited to paying other staff members, purchase of equipment, food, etc.

#### **SECTION 5. LACK OF FUNDS.**

Should a local law enforcement agency find that it needs more funds to employ the school resource officers that it needs then it can go to the state or local government to request more funds.