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SUMMARY

- Permits a chartered nonpublic school to generally engage for school resource officer services in the same manner as a school district does under continuing law.
- Permits a chartered nonpublic school, prior to the 2026-2027 school year, to engage a school resource officer who has not, as otherwise required under continuing law, completed prescribed training and been appointed under a memorandum of understanding between the school and a law enforcement agency.
- Expressly permits a township police department to provide school resource officer services to a chartered nonpublic school in the department's jurisdiction.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Chartered nonpublic schools and school resource officers

The bill permits a chartered nonpublic school to engage for school resource officer services in the same manner as a school district does under continuing law. However, prior to the 2026-2027 school year, the bill exempts a chartered nonpublic school from continuing law requirements to only engage a school resource officer who has completed prescribed training and been appointed under a memorandum of understanding between the school and a law enforcement agency.

Under continuing law, a school resource officer is a peace officer who is appointed through a memorandum of understanding between a law enforcement agency and a school district to provide school resource officer services to the district or one of its schools. A school resource officer must complete a basic training program approved by the Ohio Peace Officer

Training Commission and, within one year after appointment as a school resource officer, complete at least 40 hours of school resource officer training.¹

Township police and school resource officers

The bill also expressly permits the police department of any township or township police district, with the approval by resolution of the board of township trustees, to enter a memorandum of understanding to provide school resource officer services to a chartered nonpublic school that is located within the department's territorial jurisdiction.²

Under continuing law, a township police department is one of the law enforcement agencies that may provide school resource officer services.³

HISTORY

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Introduced	11-05-25

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¹ R.C. 3313.951; Section 3.

² R.C. 505.431(B).

³ R.C. 3313.951(A)(1). See also R.C. 149.435(A)(3), not in the bill.