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## Bill Analysis

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**Primary Sponsor:** Sen. Cutrona

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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.<sup>1</sup>

## **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.<sup>2</sup>

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

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## **HISTORY**

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 3313.951; Section 3.

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 505.431(B).

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