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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1583

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS PERTAINING TO A SCHOOL  
9 RESOURCE OFFICER; TO AMEND THE LAWS PERTAINING TO  
10 STATEWIDE JURISDICTION TO MAKE AN ARREST OR ISSUE A  
11 CITATION; TO PERMIT THE ISSUANCE OF A CITATION BY A  
12 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER ON A SCHOOL TRIP; AND FOR  
13 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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20 ARREST OR ISSUE A CITATION; TO PERMIT THE  
21 ISSUANCE OF A CITATION BY A SCHOOL  
22 RESOURCE OFFICER ON A SCHOOL TRIP.  
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 10, is amended to add an  
28 additional section to read as follows:

29 6-10-126. School resource officers.

30 (a) A public elementary or secondary school may employ or accept from  
31 a local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction a school resource officer to  
32 assist with school security, safety, emergency preparedness, emergency  
33 response, or any other responsibility assigned to the school resource officer  
34 by the school or law enforcement agency.

35 (b) A school resource officer shall be a certified law enforcement  
36 officer and shall have statewide jurisdiction as described under § 16-81-118.



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2 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 16-10-205, concerning a citation issued by  
3 a local law enforcement agency for violations of municipal and state laws, is  
4 amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

5 (h) A citation issued by a school resource officer under § 16-81-118  
6 is exempt from the requirements of this section.

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8 SECTION 3. The title of Arkansas Title 16, Chapter 81, is amended to  
9 read as follows:

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11 Chapter 81 Citation and Arrest

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13 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code Title 16, Chapter 81, Subchapter 1, is  
14 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

15 16-81-118. Citation and arrest by a school resource officer.

16 (a) As used in this section, "school resource officer" means a school  
17 resource officer as described under § 6-10-126.

18 (b) A school resource officer may issue a citation to a person to  
19 appear in the local district court having jurisdiction over the place where a  
20 violation of state law occurred even if the school resource officer is  
21 outside of his or her jurisdiction if:

22 (1) The school resource officer is accompanying students on a  
23 school-sanctioned event that takes the students outside the county in which  
24 the school is located;

25 (2) The violation of state law is in conjunction with criminal  
26 activity that directly involves the students, school employees, or other  
27 persons participating in, observing, or assisting the school-sanctioned  
28 event; and

29 (3) The person who is the recipient of the citation is a  
30 student, school employee, or other person participating in, observing, or  
31 assisting the school-sanctioned event.

32 (c) The school resource office shall use a citation book that  
33 substantially complies with the citation requirements under § 16-10-205.

34 (d)(1) A citation issued under this section is not valid unless the  
35 school resource officer provides at a minimum:

36 (A) The address and phone number of the district court

1 having jurisdiction;

2 (B) The date and time when the recipient of the citation  
 3 is to appear in the district court;

4 (C) A cite to the specific state law that was alleged to  
 5 have been violated;

6 (D) The printed name and date of birth of the person  
 7 receiving the citation; and

8 (E)(i) An opportunity for the person receiving the  
 9 citation to sign the citation.

10 (ii) If the person who is to receive the citation  
 11 refuses to sign the citation, the school resource officer is required to  
 12 arrest the person and deliver him or her to the local law enforcement agency  
 13 having jurisdiction immediately.

14 (2) The school resource officer shall file a copy of the  
 15 citation issued under this section at least fifteen (15) days before the  
 16 court date listed on the citation.

17 (3) The school resource officer shall provide a person receiving  
 18 a citation under this section a full and complete copy of the citation.

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