

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 9-171.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to school resource officers.*

3 [S 589]

4 Approved

5 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**6 **1. That § 9-171.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

7 § 9-171.1. School Resource Officer Grants Program and Fund.

8 A. From such funds as may be appropriated for such purpose and from such gifts, donations, grants,
9 bequests, and other funds as may be received on its behalf, there is hereby established the School
10 Resource Officer Grants Program, to be administered by the Criminal Justice Services Board, in
11 consultation with the Board of Education, and a special nonreverting fund within the state treasury
12 known as the School Resource Officer Incentive Grants Fund, hereinafter known as the "Fund." The
13 Fund shall be established on the books of the Comptroller, and any moneys remaining in such Fund at
14 the end of the biennium shall not revert to the general fund but shall remain in the Fund. Interest earned
15 on such funds shall remain in the Fund and be credited to it.

16 Subject to the authority of the Criminal Justice Services Board to provide for its disbursement, the
17 Fund shall be disbursed to award matching grants to local law-enforcement agencies and local school
18 boards that have established a collaborative agreement to employ uniformed school resource officers in
19 middle and high schools within the relevant school division. Such school resource officers shall be
20 certified law-enforcement officers and shall be employed to help ensure safety and, to prevent truancy
21 and violence in schools, *and to enforce school board rules and codes of student conduct.*

22 B. The Criminal Justice Services Board shall establish criteria for making grants from the Fund,
23 including procedures for determining the amount of a grant and the required local match. Any grant of
24 general funds shall be matched by the locality on the basis of the composite index of local ability to
25 pay. The Criminal Justice Services Board may issue guidelines governing the Program and the
26 employment and duties of the school resource officers as it deems necessary and appropriate.

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