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## SENATE BILL NO. 1647

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-280.2:1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to school boards; prospective school security officers; background investigation.*

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Referred to Committee on Education and Health

### Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 22.1-280.2:1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

#### § 22.1-280.2:1. Employment of school security officers.

A. Local school boards may employ school security officers, as defined in § 9.1-101 and for the purposes set forth therein. ~~Such~~ Each such school board, in addition to ensuring compliance with the compulsory minimum standards for employment established by the Department of Criminal Justice Services pursuant to subdivision 42 of § 9.1-102, shall perform an extensive background investigation into each prospective school security officer that includes, at minimum, a review of the candidate's general employment history and history of employment in other school divisions.

B. A school security officer employed pursuant to this section may carry a firearm in the performance of his duties if (i) within 10 years immediately prior to being hired by the local school board he was an active law-enforcement officer as defined in § 9.1-101 in the Commonwealth; (ii) he retired or resigned from his position as a law-enforcement officer in good standing; (iii) he meets the training and qualifications described in subsection C of § 18.2-308.016; (iv) he has provided proof of completion of a training course that includes training in active shooter emergency response, emergency evacuation procedure, and threat assessment to the Department of Criminal Justice Services pursuant to subdivision 42 of § 9.1-102, provided that if he received such training from a local law-enforcement agency he received the training in the locality in which he is employed; (v) the local school board solicits input from the chief law-enforcement officer of the locality regarding the qualifications of the school security officer and receives verification from such chief law-enforcement officer that the school security officer is not prohibited by state or federal law from possessing, purchasing, or transporting a firearm; and (vi) the local school board grants him the authority to carry a firearm in the performance of his duties.

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