



HB2275 school safety; school resource officers (Hernandez)

- Authorizes School Resource Officers (SRO) and Juvenile probation officers (JPO) to respond to any suspected crime involving the following:
 - A serious offense involving the death or serious physical harm to a person or property
 - Involves a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument
 - Any conduct that poses a threat of death or serious physical harm to employees, students or anyone on school property
- Requires all SROs and JPOs that serve on school grounds to complete a basic SRO course and an adolescent mental health training administered by a national association of SROs by January 1, 2021
- Requires an agreement between a school district or charter school and a law enforcement agency to include the following when hiring SROs and JPOs:
 - Focus on building positive relationships with students, school staff and members of the community
 - Specify that SROs and JPOs are not responsible for student discipline unless authorized to respond
- Requires all current SROs and JPOs on campus to complete the required trainings by January 1, 2021
- Requires each school district and charter school to submit an annual report of the following to the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) by September 1st :
 - The number of SROs and JPOs per school
 - The agencies of each SRO and JPO
- Appropriates \$173,250 from the general fund in FY21 to ADE to distribute to school districts and charter schools to cover the costs of the basic training course for SROs and JPOs
- Appropriates \$68,250 from the general fund in FY21 to ADE to distribute to school districts and charter schools to cover the costs of the adolescent mental health training course for SROs and JPOs