

Public Law 105-302
105th Congress

An Act

To amend part Q of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968
to encourage the use of school resource officers.

Oct. 27, 1998
[S. 2235]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of
the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS.

Part Q of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796dd et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 1701(d)—

42 USC 3796dd.

(A) by redesignating paragraphs (8) through (10) as
paragraphs (9) through (11), respectively; and

(B) by inserting after paragraph (7) the following:

“(8) establish school-based partnerships between local law
enforcement agencies and local school systems by using school
resource officers who operate in and around elementary and
secondary schools to combat school-related crime and disorder
problems, gangs, and drug activities;” and

(2) in section 1709—

42 USC
3796dd-8.

(A) by redesignating the first 3 undesignated para-
graphs as paragraphs (1) through (3), respectively; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(4) ‘school resource officer’ means a career law enforcement
officer, with sworn authority, deployed in community-oriented
policing, and assigned by the employing police department or
agency to work in collaboration with schools and community-
based organizations—

“(A) to address crime and disorder problems, gangs,
and drug activities affecting or occurring in or around
an elementary or secondary school;

“(B) to develop or expand crime prevention efforts for
students;

“(C) to educate likely school-age victims in crime
prevention and safety;

“(D) to develop or expand community justice initiatives
for students;

“(E) to train students in conflict resolution, restorative
justice, and crime awareness;

“(F) to assist in the identification of physical changes in the environment that may reduce crime in or around the school; and

“(G) to assist in developing school policy that addresses crime and to recommend procedural changes.”.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S. 2235:

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