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An act to require an armed School Resource Officer on all public school campuses.

Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A School Resource Officer will investigate criminal law violations and when appropriate make arrests. A School Resource Officer's sworn duty is to enforce the law, but doesn't contradict the need for the SRO to be positive.

Section 2: Statistics show 24% of officers reported taking a loaded firearm from a student or another person on campus. 87% have confiscated knives or other weapons with blades. 67% reported they prevented a school faculty member from being assaulted by a student or someone on campus. Many School Resource Officers (around 84%) believe without an officer on campus, most crimes are unreported to police.

Section 3: There are a total of 173 school districts in Kentucky with 1233 public schools. With every school receiving at least one SRO, this would create many employment opportunities in Kentucky.

Section 4: In the history of School Resource Officers, wages are usually the same as the average teacher in America (around \$45,000). School Resource Officers would be paid by the school, utilizing tax funds.

Section 5: This bill will go into effect on July 1, 2018, to allow schools time to make allocations in the budget.