



SB23-070 Mandatory School Resource Officer Training

- *Sponsors: Sen. Chris Kolker (D), Sen. Barbara Kirkmeyer (R); Rep. Mary Young (D), Rep. Ryan Armagost (R)*
 - *The governor signed the bill into law, and took effect on April 27, 2023.*
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Overview

The legislation mandates that the Department of Law organize an annual training meeting for school resource officers and officials. The purpose of this meeting is to facilitate discussions on best practices in responding to reports received through the Safe2Tell program.

Safe2Tell is an anonymous reporting system that allows students, parents, and community members to report concerns about potential threats or dangerous activities in schools. The training meeting aims to provide school resource officers and school officials with valuable insights and strategies for effectively handling and addressing these reports.

Additionally, the Department of Law is granted the authority to conduct a survey on Safe2Tell operations. This survey is likely intended to gather feedback and gather data on the functioning and effectiveness of the Safe2Tell program.

Overall, the legislation emphasizes the importance of training and collaboration among school resource officers and school officials to ensure the proper response to reports received through Safe2Tell. It also underscores the commitment to continuously evaluate and improve the operations of the Safe2Tell program through surveys and data collection.

School Impact

According to the legislation, local law enforcement agencies responsible for providing school resource officers and school district officials who participate in the annual training meeting will experience an increase in workload. However, the legislation



assumes that this increased workload can be managed within the existing resources available to these agencies.

While the exact nature of the increased workload is not specified, it is likely related to the preparation and participation in the annual training meeting for school resource officers and school officials. This may involve coordinating schedules, ensuring attendance, and potentially contributing to the content and discussions during the meeting.

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