

CHAPTER 153

(Senate Bill 469)

AN ACT concerning

Education - School Security - School Resource Officer

FOR the purpose of authorizing a certain officer to deny access to certain areas of certain institutions; authorizing a certain officer to demand identification and evidence of qualification of persons on the premises of certain institutions; adding a certain definition; and generally relating to school security.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Education

Section 26-102

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Education

26-102.

(a) IN THIS SECTION, "SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER" MEANS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AS DEFINED UNDER ARTICLE 27, § 727(B) OF THE CODE THAT HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO A SCHOOL IN ACCORDANCE WITH A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CHIEF OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AS DEFINED UNDER ARTICLE 27, § 727(G) OF THE CODE AND THE LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY.

(B) The governing board, president, superintendent, [or] principal, OR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER of any public institution of elementary, secondary, or higher education, or a person designated in writing by the board or any of these persons, may deny access to the buildings or grounds of the institution to any OTHER person who:

(1) Is not a bona fide, currently registered student, or staff or faculty member at the institution; and who does not have lawful business to pursue at the institution; or

(2) Is a bona fide, currently registered student at the institution and has been suspended or expelled from the institution, for the duration of the suspension or expulsion; or

(3) Acts in a manner that disrupts or disturbs the normal educational functions of the institution.