

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 72

## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTON GRAY.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 650, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the establishment of a program on police officer presence in schools and communities.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 650, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 650.465, to read as follows:

**650.465. 1. There is hereby established in the department of public safety a program on police officer presence in schools and communities to increase positive social interaction between youth and law enforcement officers and to develop a harmonious rapport between the two entities. The department of public safety shall focus its efforts on establishing programs, projects, activities, and events in communities located in a county with a charter form of government and with more than nine hundred fifty thousand inhabitants that contain school districts with a total minority student population that exceeds fifty percent.**

**2. The department of public safety shall:**

**(1) Conduct studies on local, statewide, and national programs with demonstrated success at increasing positive social relationships with law enforcement agencies and youth;**

**(2) Make recommendations to law enforcement agencies, communities, and schools as to programs, projects, activities, and events that will aid in developing a harmonious rapport between law enforcement officers and youth;**

**(3) Advise the commissioner of education and the department of education on issues relating to the establishment of community relations programs in communities located in a county with a charter form of government and with more than nine hundred fifty**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in bold-face type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 **thousand inhabitants that contain school districts with a total minority student population**  
19 **that exceeds fifty percent;**

20 **(4) Make recommendations for a state plan for community education which sets**  
21 **forth the goals and objectives of a community relations program and establishes a system**  
22 **of priorities for targeting available resources on the areas with the greatest need within a**  
23 **school district;**

24 **(5) Make recommendations for establishing community schools within communities**  
25 **containing community relations programs; and**

26 **(6) Make recommendations for the funding of local community relations programs**  
27 **and projects, activities, and events that will aid in developing a harmonious rapport**  
28 **between law enforcement officers and youth.**

29 **3. For purposes of subsection 2 of this section, "community school", means a school**  
30 **that makes its facilities available for citizen use, coordinates activities of local citizens in**  
31 **identifying program needs and establishing priorities, identifies and utilizes available**  
32 **program resources, and assists in the initiation of programs to improve the cultural, social,**  
33 **recreational, and educational opportunities available in a community.**

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