

1 AN ACT to amend the School Code.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Sections
5 10-20.35 and 34-18.22 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.35 new)

7 Sec. 10-20.35. Special security officers.

8 (a) A school board may appoint special security
9 officers, who have been recommended by the general
10 superintendent, for the protection and safety of the school
11 district's personnel, property, students, and visitors. The
12 board shall assign duties to these officers, including
13 without limitation the enforcement of laws and rules, and
14 prescribe the oath of office. Each of these officers shall
15 receive salary only from the board.

16 (b) Before entering into the performance of his or her
17 duties, a special security officer shall successfully
18 complete the Minimum Standards Basic Law Enforcement Training
19 Course offered at a police training school established under
20 the Illinois Police Training Act. A special security officer
21 shall have the powers of a peace officer, including the power
22 to make an arrest under the circumstances prescribed in
23 Section 107-2 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 for a
24 violation of law. However, these powers may be exercised
25 only on school district property for the protection and
26 safety of school district personnel, students, and visitors,
27 their property, and the property of the school district,
28 except that an officer shall have the power to arrest a
29 person off school district property if that person violates
30 any law while on school district property. The board may
31 allow a special security officer to carry a weapon while in

1 the performance of his or her official duties if the officer
2 has satisfactorily completed a training program offered or
3 approved by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards
4 Board that substantially conforms to standards promulgated
5 pursuant to the Illinois Police Training Act and the Peace
6 Officer Firearm Training Act.

7 (c) Before entering into the performance of his or her
8 duties, a special security officer shall give an official
9 bond, in accordance with the Official Bond Act, in the penal
10 sum of \$5,000, which bond shall be conditioned upon the
11 faithful performance of the officer's duties and shall cover
12 damage done by illegal act committed by the officer in the
13 performance of his or her duties. Any person who has been
14 damaged, either in his or her person or in his or her
15 property, by the unlawful act of a special security officer
16 may bring suit for redress of such wrong on the bond of the
17 officer.

18 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.22 new)

19 Sec. 34-18.22. Special security officers.

20 (a) The board may appoint special security officers, who
21 have been recommended by the general superintendent, for the
22 protection and safety of the school district's personnel,
23 property, students, and visitors. The board shall assign
24 duties to these officers, including without limitation the
25 enforcement of laws and rules, and prescribe the oath of
26 office. Each of these officers shall receive salary only
27 from the board.

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28 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July
29 1, 2001.