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ENROLLED, An Act,

Relating to Franklin County; to authorize the formation of volunteer emergency security forces at public schools in the county consisting of current and retired school employees and local citizens; to provide for the role of the sheriff in the training and supervision of emergency security forces; and to provide for implementation of the act by each local board of education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) Upon a determination by the principal of any Franklin County public K-12 school that the safety of the students at the school is not adequately protected or that additional security is necessary to ensure the safety of the students or employees, he or she may request volunteers to serve on an emergency security force for the school. Volunteers shall consist of current employees of the school, retired employees of the school, and residents of the school district.

(b) Once a list of volunteers has been compiled by the principal, the principal shall submit the list to the Sheriff of Franklin County. The sheriff shall review the list to determine whether the list contains a sufficient number of suitable volunteers to staff an emergency security force at the school. If the sheriff determines the number of suitable

1 volunteers is sufficient, he or she may initiate an emergency
2 security force program for the school.

3 (c) Upon formation of an emergency security force,
4 the sheriff, in conjunction with administrative school
5 personnel, shall prepare a detailed crisis plan for the school
6 that includes a comprehensive plan of action for the emergency
7 security force to follow in the event the security of the
8 school is compromised or the safety of students or employees
9 is threatened. The plan shall also specify how and where
10 weapons may be stored and carried by emergency security force
11 members and circumstances under which certain weapons may be
12 used. All weapons and equipment used shall be approved by the
13 sheriff.

14 (d) A volunteer emergency security force member
15 shall be classified as a reserve deputy sheriff and shall
16 serve in that position at the pleasure of the sheriff. Service
17 as a reserve deputy sheriff under this section shall not
18 include the power of arrest. As a member of an emergency
19 security force, a volunteer shall receive any training deemed
20 necessary by the sheriff and, when fulfilling his or her
21 duties as a member of the emergency security force, shall be
22 under the supervision and direction of the sheriff. The
23 sheriff may offer self defense or other training to those
24 school employees who are not selected to serve on an emergency
25 security force.

1 (e) An emergency security force member shall receive
2 no compensation for his or her service on an emergency
3 security force, but may be reimbursed for actual necessary
4 expenses incurred in the discharge of his or her duties on
5 behalf of the emergency security force from funds otherwise
6 appropriated by the local board of education. Nothing in this
7 subsection shall prohibit a local board of education from
8 providing a salary supplement to the members of an emergency
9 security force.

10 (f) Expenses related to the training of emergency
11 security force members and the purchase of any equipment and
12 weapons deemed necessary by the sheriff shall be administered
13 by the local board of education and paid from funds
14 appropriated for that purpose.

15 (g) Each local board of education in the county
16 shall oversee and provide for the implementation of this
17 section within the schools under its jurisdiction.

18 Section 2. The provisions of this act are severable.
19 If any part of this act is declared invalid or
20 unconstitutional, that declaration shall not affect the part
21 which remains.

22 Section 3. This act shall become effective
23 immediately following its passage and approval by the
24 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

