

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue BG 5						
	Referred to Committee: Senate 4						
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City: Glasgow							
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1 An act to give preference to hiring military veterans for school security purposes, known as the "School
2 Protection Officer Act".
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4 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

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6 Section 1: Due to the rise of violence, vandalism and bullying in public schools, whereas the need exists
7 for more resource officers in schools, and whereas financial resources from local law enforcement
8 agencies have dwindled in recent years, other options must be explored that contributes to safe school
9 environments.
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11 Section 2: This legislation would create a program in school districts to recruit veterans for school
12 safety and security needs, and is intended to provide our protection and other specific Public Safety
13 and first responder functions to public school children and employees.
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15 Section 3: Veterans will have to meet requirements that will be established by the Kentucky
16 Department of Justice upon passage of the School Protection Officer Act. This will ensure officers will
17 be a sound mind and body.
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19 Section 4: Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, each school district may employ a school
20 protection officer for each public school that offers kindergarten through 12th grade.
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22 Section 5: The presence of the school protection officer is intended to provide armed protection and
23 other specialized public safety and first responder functions to the children and employees of each
24 public school, with specialized training.
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26 Section 6: A Screening process will be in place to detect applicants who might be suffering from post-
27 traumatic stress disorder and other potential problems.