

**Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety, to which was re-referred**

**S.F. No. 3534:** A bill for an act relating to education; providing for public safety; modifying the grounds for the use of reasonable force in schools; defining duties and establishing minimum training requirements for school resource officers; requiring development of a school resource officer model policy; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 121A.582, by adding a subdivision; 123B.02, by adding a subdivision; 124E.03, by adding a subdivision; 609.06, subdivision 1; 609.379, subdivision 1; Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, sections 121A.58, subdivisions 1, 2a; 121A.582, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 626.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 5, line 21, after "officer's" insert "contractual" and after "duties" insert "with a school district or charter school"

Page 5, line 31, delete "mandated" and insert "described"

Page 6, after line 3, insert:

"(d) Nothing in this subdivision limits any other duty or responsibility imposed on peace officers; limits the expectation that peace officers will exercise professional judgment and discretion to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the public when carrying out their duties; or creates a duty for school resource officers to protect students, staff, or others on school grounds that is different from the duty to protect the public as a whole."

Page 6, lines 5 and 10, delete "June" and insert "September"

Page 7, line 15, delete the second "and"

Page 7, line 16, delete the period and insert "; and"

Page 7, after line 16, insert:

"(14) the topics identified in section 626.8469, subdivision 1, as they pertain to juveniles or students."

Page 7, line 23, delete everything after "(a)" and insert "By December 31, 2024, the Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training shall develop a model school resource officer policy. In developing the policy, the board must convene a group consisting of representatives from the Department of Public Safety's School Safety Center, the Minnesota School Boards Association, the Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals, Education Minnesota, the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association, the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association, the Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association, the Minnesota Juvenile Officers Association, the National Association of School Resource Officers, Solutions Not Suspensions, the Minnesota Youth Council, the Minnesota Council on Disability, and one

2.1 community organization supporting the rights of students receiving special education  
 2.2 services. The group must meet at least three times to discuss the topics identified in paragraph  
 2.3 (b), address any related issues, and provide advice and direction regarding development of  
 2.4 the model policy."

2.5 Page 7, delete lines 24 to 30

2.6 Page 8, line 1, after "contract" insert ", including but not limited to the use of plain  
 2.7 clothes, modified uniforms, and other changes to school resource officer attire in order to  
 2.8 foster a positive school climate, facilitate the establishment of positive relationships with  
 2.9 students, and promote open communication"

2.10 Page 8, delete lines 2 to 6 and insert:

2.11 "(2) considerations for the proper use of force on school grounds, including:

2.12 (i) the prohibitions on choke holds and other restraints established in section 609.06,  
 2.13 subdivision 3;

2.14 (ii) the prohibition on using force or the authority of the peace officer's office solely to  
 2.15 enforce school rules or policies or participating in the enforcement of discipline for violations  
 2.16 of school rules;

2.17 (iii) the use of de-escalation techniques and other alternatives to higher levels of force  
 2.18 that are appropriate with juveniles and students in a school setting;

2.19 (iv) response tactics and strategies that minimize the use and duration of prone restraint,  
 2.20 as defined in section 121A.58, and other physical holds of students; and

2.21 (v) the duty to render reasonably prompt care, consistent with the officer's training, to  
 2.22 a person who an officer physically holds or restrains;"

2.23 Page 8, line 18, delete "December" and insert "September"

2.24 And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.  
 2.25 Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

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 2.27 (Committee Chair)

2.28 February 21, 2024.....  
 2.29 (Date of Committee recommendation)