



**ALLIANCE OF NEW YORK STATE YMCAs
YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT
Legislative Bill**

Bill # 14

**Referred to Committee:
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Action on the Bill

Assembly

Senate

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AN ACT TO: Return School Resource Officer’s (SRO’S), to all schools in New York State.

**The People of the State of New York, represented
in the Senate and Assembly do enact as follows:**

Purpose

The purpose of this bill is to protect the kids in all schools in New York State.

Summary of Provisions

Section 1: Definitions

SRO – School Resource Officer

Perpetrators – A harmful person with a weapon

Adolescent – A young boy or girl

Section 2: (or Section 1 if you have no definitions)

All schools in New York State will employ a School Resource Officer (SRO).

Justification

The doors at most schools open early in the morning and close later in the evening due to sporting events. During this time period, anybody or anything could get into the building at any time. Nearly 53% of the identified shootings took place at K-12 schools and 47% took place on college or university campuses. In 95 incidents, over half, the perpetrator(s) intentionally injured or killed at least one other person with a gun or weapon. There have been approximately 200 school shootings in the United States since the Sandy Hook shooting in 2012, a near average of 1 shooting a week, according to data compiled by Mass Shooting Tracker. Over 7000 children have been hospitalized, killed, or badly injured due to guns or other weapons. An additional 3000 children die from gun injuries before making it to the hospital after the shooting, bringing the number of injured or killed adolescents to 10000 each year. This is why we need school security to stop anything from entering the building.

Fiscal Implications

At our local school we had an SRO, and the federal government payed for the first 3 years. After the first 3 years it will carry over to the state government or our school will pay for it. Most taxpayers would pay an average of \$2.00 - \$7.00 per household to fund an SRO in their local district.

Effective Date

This bill will go into effect one year after passage and will start when the academic school year begins.

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