

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 743**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Solorio**

February 22, 2007

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An act to add Section 38006 to the Education Code, relating to school safety.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 743, as introduced, Solorio. School safety: school security officers.

(1) Existing law authorizes the governing board of a school district to establish a security department under the supervision of a chief of security or a police department under the supervision of a chief of police. Statutory provisions declare the intent of the Legislature to ensure the safety of pupils, staff, and the public on or near public schools by providing school security officers, as defined, with training that will enable them to deal with increasingly diverse and dangerous situations.

This bill would require every school district to maintain a minimum ratio of one school security officer for every 500 pupils enrolled at each of its middle schools and comprehensive high schools. By requiring school districts to provide a higher level of service with respect to school security officers, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 38006 is added to the Education Code,  
 2 to read:  
 3 38006. (a) Notwithstanding Section 38000, every school  
 4 district shall maintain a minimum ratio of one school security  
 5 officer for every 500 pupils enrolled at each of its middle schools  
 6 and comprehensive high schools.  
 7 (b) Funds appropriated for purposes of the school safety  
 8 consolidated competitive grant established by Article 3  
 9 (commencing with Section 41510) of Chapter 3.2 of Part 24 may  
 10 be used for purposes of this section.  
 11 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that  
 12 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to  
 13 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made  
 14 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division  
 15 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

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