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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to public institutions of higher education; to add Section 16-22-1.1 to the Code of Alabama 1975; to authorize public institutions of higher education that employ campus police officers to also employ reserve police officers; and to specify the qualifications and duties of reserve campus police officers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 16-22-1.1 is added to the Code of Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

§16-22-1.1

(a) The president or chief executive officer of any public institution of higher education in the state that employs police officers pursuant to Section 16-22-1, 16-22-2, or other law, may employ one or more reserve police officers, with or without compensation, to assist or aid those full-time or part-time police officers. Reserve police officers employed pursuant to this section shall serve at the pleasure of the president or chief executive officer of the employing institution.

(b) Any individual desiring employment as a reserve



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29 police officer shall submit a written application to the
30 president or chief executive officer of the institution
31 certifying that he or she is 19 years of age or older, of good
32 moral character and reputation, and that he or she has never
33 been convicted of a felony or of a misdemeanor involving
34 force, violence, or moral turpitude. The applicant shall also
35 consent in writing to a fingerprint and criminal history
36 background check.

37 (c) The functions of a reserve police officer employed
38 pursuant to this section shall be confined to the following:

39 (1) Patrol operation performed for the purpose of
40 detection, prevention, and suppression of crime or enforcement
41 of the traffic or highway laws of the state, provided the
42 reserve police officer shall only perform these duties under
43 the direct control and supervision of a police officer
44 employed by the same institution.

45 (2) Traffic direction and control may be performed
46 without direct supervision if supervisory control is exercised
47 by a police officer employed by the same institution whose
48 total span of control would be considered within reasonable
49 limits.

50 (3) Reserve police officers may render crowd control
51 assistance at public gatherings or campus functions as
52 directed by the president or chief executive officer of the
53 institution, provided supervisory control shall be exercised
54 by a police officer employed by the same institution whose
55 span of control would be considered within reasonable limits.

56 (d) No reserve police officer may exercise any power of



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57 arrest unless he or she has completed and maintains current
58 certification from the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and
59 Training Commission as set out in Article 3, Chapter 21, Title
60 36.

61 (e) No reserve police officer shall carry any firearm
62 while on duty, unless ~~he or she has obtained a properly issued~~
63 ~~permit for the firearm and~~ the president or chief executive
64 officer of the employing institution has approved his or her
65 use of the firearm. Reserve police officers may use approved
66 firearms only to the extent permitted by properly adopted
67 policies of the institution.

68 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the first
69 day of the third month following its passage and approval by
70 the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.