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100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE DOHRMAN.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 173, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to campus protection officers.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 173, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 173.2551, to read as follows:

- 173.2551. **1. The governing board of any public or private institution of higher education within the state may designate one or more full-time faculty or staff members as campus protection officers. The responsibilities and duties of a campus protection officer are voluntary and shall be in addition to the normal responsibilities and duties of the faculty or staff member. Any compensation for additional duties relating to service as a campus protection officer shall be funded by the institution of higher education.**
- 2. Any person designated as a campus protection officer shall be authorized to carry concealed firearms or a self-defense spray device on the campus of the institution of higher education. A "self-defense spray device" shall mean any device that is capable of carrying, and that ejects, releases, or emits, a nonlethal solution capable of incapacitating a violent threat. The campus protection officer shall not be permitted to allow any firearm or self-defense spray device out of his or her personal control while that firearm or device is on property belonging to an institution of higher education. Any campus protection officer who violates this subsection may be subject to employment termination proceedings.**
- 3. A campus protection officer has the same authority to detain or use force against any person on campus as provided to any other person under chapter 563.**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 **4. Upon detention of a person under subsection 3 of this section, the campus**
18 **protection officer shall immediately notify the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction**
19 **over the institution of higher education.**

20 **5. Any person detained by a campus protection officer shall be turned over to a law**
21 **enforcement officer as soon as practicably possible and shall not be detained by a campus**
22 **protection officer for more than one hour.**

23 **6. Any full-time faculty or staff member of an institution of higher education who**
24 **seeks to be designated as a campus protection officer shall request such designation in**
25 **writing and submit it to the administrator responsible for public safety at the institution**
26 **of higher education. Along with this request, any faculty or staff member seeking to carry**
27 **a concealed firearm on campus shall also submit proof that he or she has a valid concealed**
28 **carry endorsement or permit, and all faculty or staff members seeking the designation of**
29 **campus protection officer shall submit a certificate of completion from a campus protection**
30 **officer training program approved by the director of the department of public safety.**

31 **7. (1) Any institution of higher education that designates a faculty or staff member**
32 **as a campus protection officer shall, within thirty days, notify, in writing, the director of**
33 **the department of public safety of the designation, which shall include the following:**

34 **(a) The full name, date of birth, and address of the officer;**

35 **(b) The name of the institution; and**

36 **(c) The date such person was designated as a campus protection officer.**

37 **(2) The director of the department of public safety shall maintain a listing of all**
38 **persons designated by institutions of higher education as campus protection officers and**
39 **shall make this list available to all law enforcement agencies.**

40 **(3) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, any identifying**
41 **information collected under the authority of this subsection shall not be considered public**
42 **information and shall not be subject to a request for public records made under chapter**
43 **610.**

44 **8. An institution of higher education may revoke the designation of a person as a**
45 **campus protection officer for any reason and shall immediately notify the designated**
46 **campus protection officer in writing of the revocation. The institution shall also, within**
47 **thirty days of the revocation, notify the director of the department of public safety in**
48 **writing of the revocation of the designation of such person as a campus protection officer.**
49 **A person who has had the designation of campus protection officer revoked has no right**
50 **to appeal the revocation decision.**

51 **9. The director of the department of public safety may promulgate all necessary**
52 **rules and regulations for the administration of this section, including rules establishing**

53 **training requirements and training programs for campus protection officers designated**
54 **under this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010,**
55 **that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if**
56 **it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable,**
57 **section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any of the powers**
58 **vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective**
59 **date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the**
60 **grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2019,**
61 **shall be invalid and void.**

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