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## DIGEST

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HB 682 Reengrossed

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**Abstract:** Defines a school guardian as a veteran who meets certain criteria who serves at a school in a specific capacity.

Proposed law defines "school guardian" as a veteran as defined in present law (R.S. 13:5364) who meets the following criteria:

- (1) An honorable discharge from the U.S. Armed Forces.
- (2) A successful background check.
- (3) Completion of school incident training with law enforcement and school officials.
- (4) He is employed or contracted by a school system, a nonpublic school, or law enforcement agency.
- (5) He operates under certain policies regarding scope of duties, authority, or use of force.
- (6) He is physically and mentally capable of performing assigned duties.

Proposed law authorizes a school guardian to prevent an active threat and temporarily detain an individual when he has reasonable cause to believe the individual has committed or will commit a forcible felony.

Proposed law provides that a school guardian shall not be considered a peace officer and shall not have arrest powers.

(Adds R.S. 17:416.19.1 and 3996(B)(24))

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

1. Add certain criteria required for a veteran to be qualified to serve as a school resource officer.

2. Include charter schools.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Define "school guardian" as a veteran as defined by present law who meets certain criteria.
2. Authorize a school guardian to prevent an active threat in certain circumstances.
3. Remove proposed law provisions relative to school resource officers.