

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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New law defines "school guardian" as a veteran as defined in existing law who meets the following criteria:

- (1) He was honorably discharged from the U.S. Armed Forces.
- (2) He has successfully completed a requisite background check as provided by existing law.
- (3) He completed school incident training with law enforcement and school officials.
- (4) He is employed or contracted by a public school system, 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.

New law provides that a school guardian shall not be considered a peace officer or have arrest powers unless separately commissioned in accordance with existing 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 felony. Provides that existing law relative to a private person making an arrest applies to actions taken by a school guardian pursuant to new law.

New law is applicable to all public schools, including charter schools.

Effective August 1, 2026.

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