

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 682

2026 Regular Session

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VETERANS: Provides for certain veterans to work as school guardians at public schools

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Provides that the provisions of present law (C.Cr.P. Art. 214) relative to a private person making an arrest apply to actions taken by a school guardian.
2. 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, instead of a *forcible* felony.
3. Makes technical changes.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

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) Employment or a contract with a school system, nonpublic school, or law enforcement agency.
- (5) Operation under certain policies regarding scope of duties, authority, or use of force.
- (6) Physical and mental capability of performing assigned duties.

Proposed law provides that a school guardian shall not be considered a peace officer and shall not have arrest powers unless separately commissioned in accordance with present law.

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 felony. Provides that present law (C.Cr.P. Art. 214) relative to a private person making an arrest applies to actions taken by a guardian pursuant to proposed law.

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