

ROSENSTEIN, FIST & RINGOLD

RED BANNER UPDATE

Date: May 30, 2023

Re: HB 2903 and HB 2904

Signed: May 25, 2023

Effective: July 1, 2023

Topic: School Security

Summary:

This bill creates a new law (70 O.S. § 5-148.1 and §5-148.2) regarding the "School Resource Officer Program" which will be a three-year pilot program to assist school districts in establishing and maintaining an SRO program and providing physical security enhancements. The officers employed or contracted by districts participating in the program must have successfully completed law enforcement active shooter emergency response training given by CLEET and approved by the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety.

The program will be supported through an OSDE "School Security Revolving Fund" and funds will be divided equally among every district in the state, and distributed pursuant to claims filed with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services.

The Governor also signed HB 2904 which appropriates for the revolving fund \$150 million dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary to cover costs associated with implementing the provisions of HB 2903.

For more information on this Act, please visit the firm's website to view the signed Act.

Legal counsel does not anticipate creating a new policy or amending any existing policy in response to this legislation.