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HOUSE BILL NO. 682

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VETERANS: Authorizes the use of veterans as resource officers at schools

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:416.19(B)(1), relative to school resource officers; to provide
3 for the use of veterans as school resource officers; to provide for the definition of
4 veteran; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:416.19(B)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §416.19. School resource officers

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9 B.(1) A "school resource officer" ~~shall be~~ means a peace officer as defined
10 in R.S. 40:2402 or a veteran as defined in R.S. 13:5364.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the use of veterans as school resource officers.

Present law authorizes local public school systems and nonpublic schools to enter into agreements with local law enforcement agencies to provide for school resource officers.

Present law defines "school resource officer" as a peace officer.

Proposed law retains present law and expands the definition of "school resource officer" to include veterans.

Proposed law defines "veteran" as a former or current member of the U.S. Armed Forces or organized militia of the several states and territories, including but not limited to a member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Natl. Guard, Air Natl. Guard, Reserves, State Guard, or a commissioned officer of the Public Health Service, Environmental Science Services Admin., or Natl. Oceanic and Atmospheric Admin., or its predecessor, the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.

(Amends R.S. 17:416.19(B)(1))