FIRST REGULAR SESSION HOUSE BILL NO. 781

93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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STEPHEN S. DAVIS, Chief Clerk

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 162, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to school police officers.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 162, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be 2 known as section 162.209, to read as follows:

162.209. 1. Any district school board may appoint and employ as many police officers as it may deem necessary to protect persons, property, and to preserve peace and good order only in the public buildings, properties, grounds, and other facilities and locations over which the school district has charge or control.

5 2. Before they enter upon their duties, police officers appointed under this section 6 shall take and subscribe an oath of office before some officer authorized to administer 7 oaths, to faithfully and impartially discharge the duties thereof, which oath shall be filed 8 in the office of the school board, and the secretary of the school board shall give each 9 officer so appointed and qualified a certificate of appointment, under the seal of the board, which certificate shall empower the officer with the same authority to maintain order, 10 preserve peace, and make arrests as is now held by peace officers. The officer may in 11 addition expel from the public buildings, campuses, and grounds, persons violating the 12 13 rules and regulations that may be prescribed by the school board or others under the authority of the school board. Such officer or employee of the school district as may be 14 designated by the board shall have immediate charge, control, and supervision of officers 15 16 appointed by authority of this section. Such officers shall have satisfactorily completed

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

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- 17 before appointment a training course for police officers as prescribed by chapter 590,
- 18 RSMo, for state peace officers or, by virtue of previous experience or training, have met
- 19 the requirements of chapter 590, RSMo.