

Dear Kentucky Superintendents,

As many of you know, Gov. Andy Beshear signed House Bill 63 into law on April 8, 2022, which introduces new school resource officer (SRO) requirements for school districts. The new law requires that each campus have an SRO by Aug. 1, 2022, if possible. The law further provides that, "if sufficient funds and qualified personnel are not available for this purpose for every campus, the local board of education shall fulfill the requirements of this subsection on a per-campus basis, as approved in writing by the state school security marshal, until a certified school resource officer is assigned to and working on-site, full-time on each campus in the district." KRS 158.4414(2). OSSSM is currently drafting a form to be emailed to every district within the next few weeks asking if the district can assign an SRO to every campus by Aug. 1, 2022. If not, OSSSM will need information about how many campuses will not have an assigned SRO, the obstacles to assigning an SRO to every campus, and a plan to overcome those obstacles. Upon OSSSM receiving the completed form, the office will review each district's plan and assist with any additional needs. Should you have any questions about how many campuses are included in your district, please contact your assigned compliance officer.

Thank you for your patience as OSSSM works toward finalizing this new process.

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