



# Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

## Legislation Text

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A resolution accepting a Statewide School Resource Officer (SRO) grant from the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department, to provide funding to place School Resource Officers in all Nashville Public Middle and High Schools.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security has awarded a grant in an amount not to exceed \$3,375,000 with no cash match required to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department, to provide funding to place School Resource Officers in all Nashville Public Middle and High Schools.

WHEREAS, it is to the benefit of the citizens of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County that this grant be accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. That the Statewide School Resource Officer (SRO) grant by and between the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security, in an amount not to exceed \$3,375,000, to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department, to provide funding to place School Resource Officers in all Nashville Public Middle and High Schools, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby approved, and the Metropolitan Mayor is authorized to execute the same.

Section 2. That the amount of this grant be appropriated to the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department, based on the revenues estimated to be received and any match to be applied.

Section 3. That this resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

### Analysis

This resolution accepts a Statewide School Resource Officer (“SRO”) grant from the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security to the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department (“MNPDP”). The \$3,375,000 grant would provide funding to reimburse MNPDP up to \$75,000 per SRO, per school. There are currently SROs in all middle and high schools in Metro Nashville Public Schools. No local cash match is required. The grant period begins on July 1, 2023, and ends June 30, 2024.

According to MNPDP, the total amount for salary and fringe benefits for one SRO is approximately \$114,300. Equipment and uniforms for the SRO are approximately \$35,000 in additional funding. SROs also require vehicles and associated equipment. MNPDP intends for any savings realized through this grant to be allocated for equipment expenses for SROs.