

Staff Report

Subject: School Resource Officers Intergovernmental Agreement
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Meeting Date: 12/2/25
Item Description: Consideration to authorize the Chairman to execute an intergovernmental agreement with the Office of the Sheriff and Board of Education for school resource officer services.

Summary Recommendation:

Staff recommends authorizing the execution of the school resource officer intergovernmental agreement.

Executive Summary:

- The Effingham County Board of Commissioners has had an existing IGA in place with the Effingham County Sheriff's Office and Effingham County Board of Education for many years now.
- This updated IGA specifies that ECSO will provide a minimum of 15 school resource officers. Currently, 16 are budgeted.
- The remaining changes are in Article 9 of the IGA, which pertain to new state law that specifies how ECBOE and ECSO must handle student-related records.
- There are no changes to how ECBOC and ECBOE share the costs of school resource officers.
- The County Attorney has reviewed the IGA, and ECSO is reviewing the IGA.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider:

1. Approve to execute the IGA for the school resource officers.
2. Do not approve to execute the IGA for the school resource officers.
3. Provide Staff with Direction

Recommended Alternative:

Staff recommends Alternative number 1 – Approve to execute the IGA for the school resource officers.

Other Alternatives:

N/A

Department Review: *(list departments)*

Finance

Funding Source:

School Resource Officers budget, already budgeted

Attachments:

2025 intergovernmental agreement by and between the Effingham County School District, Effingham County, and the Effingham County Sheriff's Office