

# **School Resource Officer and Adequate Law Enforcement Coverage Report**

Education Article § 7-1501(j) defines a school resource officer (SRO) as a sworn law enforcement officer who has been assigned to a school in accordance with a memorandum of understanding between a law enforcement agency and the local school system or a Baltimore City school police officer. This report provides a summary of the SRO and adequate coverage in Maryland public schools for the coming school year.

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***Ed. Art. § 7-1502(g)(18)&(21)***

***Ed. Art. § 7-1508(e)(3)***

**School Year: 2025-2026**

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October 1, 2025

The Honorable Wes Moore  
Governor  
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The Honorable William C. Ferguson IV  
President  
Senate of Maryland  
State House, H-107  
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones  
Speaker  
House of Delegates  
State House, H-101  
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Re: Report required by Ed. Art. § 7-1502(g)(18)&(21) (MSAR #15158) and § 7-1508(e)(3) (MSAR #15245)

Dear Governor Moore, President Ferguson, and Speaker Jones:

Pursuant to the Maryland Safe to Learn Act of 2018, Ed. Art. § 7-1502(g)(18) & (21) and § 7-1508(e)(3), the Maryland Center of School Safety (MCSS) respectfully submits this report summarizing School Resource Officer (SRO) and adequate law enforcement coverage within each local education agencies' jurisdiction for the upcoming school year.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Joseph Pignataro, [joseph.pignataro@maryland.gov](mailto:joseph.pignataro@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,



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Executive Director



## 2025 Annual School Resource Officer (SRO)<sup>1</sup>/ Adequate Coverage Report

The nature of law enforcement *adequate coverage* varies from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, and may take the form of:

- Sheriff's deputies working overtime to provide adequate coverage to public schools including after-school events held on campus;
- Patrol officers or deputies who respond to calls for service at schools that do not have an assigned SRO;
- SRO supervisors, who are not routinely assigned to a specific school, who provide supplemental patrol service and respond to calls for service at public schools when needed;
- State police agencies who conduct school safety checks in their area of patrol;
- Officers or deputies who are not SROs but who are permitted access to the school building so they can check emails and conduct other official business while at the school or on school property; and
- Officers or deputies who are assigned to a geographic area containing a grouping of K-12 schools and tasked to be primary responders to both emergency and non-emergency calls made from these schools.

It is important to note that SROs and public school security employees (SSEs) in Maryland are required to complete the Maryland Center for School Safety MCSS) [SRO/SSE Training Academy curriculum](#); yet, individuals providing “adequate law enforcement coverage” to schools are not required to complete this comprehensive training.

If you have questions or would like more information about the training provided to SROs in Maryland, please contact [training.mcass@maryland.gov](mailto:training.mcass@maryland.gov).

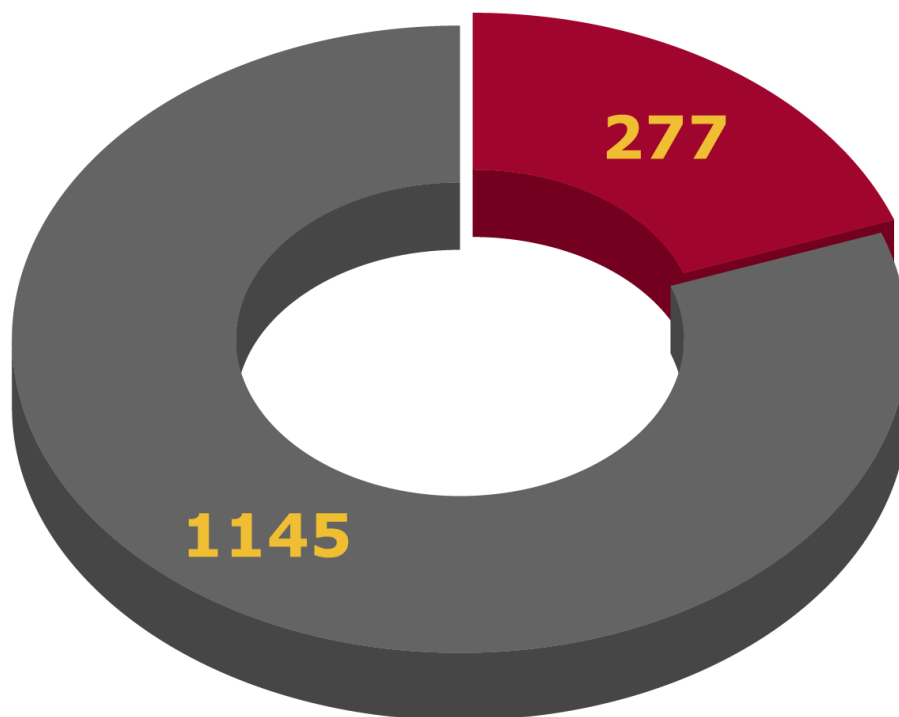
<sup>1</sup> Md. Code Ann., Ed. Art. § 7-1501(j) defines a school resource officer (SRO) as a sworn law enforcement officer who has been assigned to a school in accordance with a memorandum of understanding between a law enforcement agency and the local school system. The definition also includes a Baltimore City public school police officer.



The data presented below are based on reports received from Maryland's 24 local school systems. Only schools with a full-time assigned SRO are counted as having full-time SRO coverage. Schools where SROs cover or support multiple schools throughout the school day are counted as having adequate coverage.

The chart on page 5 provides the total number of SROs in Maryland.

## Maryland Public Schools with Full-Time Assigned SRO



- Schools with Full-Time Assigned SRO (19.5%)
- Schools with Adequate Coverage (80.5%)

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The table below provides a breakdown of total SROs in each school system and the number of schools that have a full-time assigned SRO. In school systems where a SRO provides coverage to more than one school, the total number of SROs will exceed the number of schools in that system with full-time assigned SROs.

Jurisdiction	Number of Public Schools	Number of SROs	Number of Schools with Full-Time Assigned SRO	Number of Schools with Adequate Law Enforcement Coverage
<b>Allegany</b>	22	4	0	22
<b>Anne Arundel</b>	127	28	24	103
<b>Baltimore Co.</b>	178	85	50	128
<b>Baltimore City</b>	154	63	21	133
<b>Calvert</b>	25	16	13	12
<b>Caroline</b>	10	8	8	2
<b>Carroll</b>	41	13	13	28
<b>Cecil</b>	30	7	0	30
<b>Charles</b>	44	16	16	28
<b>Dorchester</b>	12	4	4	8
<b>Frederick</b>	71	24	12	59
<b>Garrett</b>	11	6	2	9
<b>Harford</b>	54	27	23	31
<b>Howard</b>	78	15	13	65
<b>Kent</b>	5	2	2	3
<b>Montgomery</b>	211	25	0	211
<b>Prince George's</b>	206	24	24	182
<b>Queen Anne's</b>	14	8	7	7
<b>St. Mary's</b>	28	7	7	21
<b>Somerset</b>	8	7	7	1
<b>Talbot</b>	8	8	8	0
<b>Washington</b>	45	10	0	45
<b>Wicomico</b>	26	12	9	17
<b>Worcester</b>	14	17	14	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,422</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>1,145</b>



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The Sankey diagram below is a visualization of the proportion of public schools in each LEA that are served by a full-time assigned School Resource Officer (SRO) versus law enforcement adequate coverage.

