

**E2SSB 5497** - H AMD TO APP COMM AMD (H-2878.1/19) **656**

By Representatives Klippert, Dolan

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1        On page 3, beginning on line 26 of the striking amendment, after  
2 "a" strike all material through "system" on line 35 and insert  
3 "commissioned law enforcement officer in the state of Washington with  
4 sworn authority to uphold the law and assigned by the employing police  
5 department or sheriff's office to work in schools to ensure school  
6 safety. By building relationships with students, school resource officers  
7 work alongside school administrators and staff to help students make good  
8 choices. School resource officers are encouraged to focus on keeping  
9 students out of the criminal justice system when possible and not impose  
10 criminal sanctions in matters that are more appropriately handled within  
11 the educational system"

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EFFECT: Amends the definition of a school resource officer to provide that a school resource officer upholds the law; is assigned by the employing police department or sheriff's office to work in schools to ensure school safety; works with school administrators and staff to help students make good choices; and is encouraged to focus on keeping students out of the criminal justice system when possible and not impose criminal sanctions in matters that are more appropriately handled within the educational system.

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