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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for standards and requirements for threat
2 detection and response for design and construction of school
3 buildings.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 103A.7, subsection 2, Code 2015, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *i.* Standards for threat detection and
4 response for public and nonpublic school buildings used for
5 kindergarten through grade twelve instruction.

6 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. **103A.8D Safety enhancements for new**
7 **schools.**

8 1. The commissioner, after consulting with and receiving
9 recommendations from the state board of education, shall
10 adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A specifying standards and
11 requirements for threat detection and response for design and
12 construction of public and nonpublic school buildings used for
13 kindergarten through grade twelve instruction. The standards
14 and requirements shall be incorporated into the state building
15 code adopted in section 103A.7. The standards and requirements
16 shall include design provisions to enhance the overall safety
17 and well-being of students and staff, including but not limited
18 to the following safety enhancements:

19 *a.* Surveillance video.

20 *b.* Entry way metal detectors.

21 *c.* Direct entrance and exit routes located within a
22 classroom, which can only be accessed from inside that
23 classroom.

24 *d.* An effective means of communication between classrooms
25 and administrative offices.

26 *e.* A real-time notification device located within a
27 classroom, such as a panic button, to alert local area law
28 enforcement when a staff member encounters a dangerous
29 situation.

30 *f.* A means of threat containment, which may include the
31 ability to lock down the portion of a building wherein a threat
32 has been identified.

33 2. The rules shall require public and nonpublic school
34 buildings used for kindergarten through grade twelve
35 instruction to include at least two of the safety enhancements

1 described in subsection 1. The standards shall also
2 expressly permit such a building to include more than two such
3 enhancements.

4 3. The commissioner shall require compliance with the rules
5 adopted pursuant to this section for construction of public and
6 nonpublic school buildings used for kindergarten through grade
7 twelve instruction commenced on or after July 1, 2016.

8 Sec. 3. Section 256.7, Code 2015, is amended by adding the
9 following new subsection:

10 NEW SUBSECTION. 33. Advise the state building code
11 commissioner in the development of standards and requirements
12 for threat detection and response for design and construction
13 of public and nonpublic school buildings used for kindergarten
14 through grade twelve instruction as provided in section
15 103A.8D.

16 Sec. 4. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT. Section 25B.2, subsection
17 3, shall not apply to this Act.

18 EXPLANATION

19 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
20 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

21 This bill requires the state building commissioner, after
22 consulting with and receiving recommendations from the state
23 board of education, to adopt rules specifying standards and
24 requirements for threat detection and response for design and
25 construction of public and nonpublic school buildings used for
26 kindergarten through grade 12 instruction. The standards and
27 requirements shall be incorporated into the state building
28 code. The standards and requirements shall include design
29 provisions to enhance the overall safety and well-being of
30 students and staff, including certain safety enhancements.

31 Safety enhancements described in the bill include but are
32 not limited to surveillance video; entry way metal detectors;
33 direct entrance and exit routes located within a classroom,
34 which can only be accessed from inside that classroom; an
35 effective means of communication between classrooms and

1 administrative offices; a real-time notification device located
2 within a classroom, such as a panic button; and a means of
3 threat containment, which may include the ability to lock down
4 the portion of a building wherein a threat has been identified.

5 The rules shall require public and nonpublic school
6 buildings used for kindergarten through grade 12 instruction to
7 include at least two of the safety enhancements described in
8 the bill and expressly permit such a building to include more
9 than two such enhancements.

10 The commissioner shall require compliance with the rules
11 adopted pursuant to the bill for construction of public and
12 nonpublic school buildings used for kindergarten through grade
13 12 instruction commenced on or after July 1, 2016.

14 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code
15 section 25B.3. The bill makes inapplicable Code section 25B.2,
16 subsection 3, which would relieve a political subdivision from
17 complying with a state mandate if funding for the cost of
18 the state mandate is not provided or specified. Therefore,
19 political subdivisions are required to comply with any state
20 mandate included in the bill.