

CHAPTER 1179

SCHOOL SECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE, EQUIPMENT, STANDARDS, AND FUNDING — TASK FORCE

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†**AN ACT** relating to school security, including by modifying provisions related to the issuance of school bonds, the secure an advanced vision for education fund, school district use of professional development moneys, and school security equipment and infrastructure, requiring the department of public safety to convene a task force related to the safety and security standards of schools and school infrastructure, and including effective date and applicability provisions.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. [Section 257.10, subsection 10](#), paragraph d, Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

d. The use of the funds calculated under [this subsection](#) and any amount designated for professional development purposes from the school district's flexibility account under [section 298A.2, subsection 2](#), shall comply with the requirements of [chapter 284](#). If all professional development requirements of [chapter 284](#) are met and funds received under [this subsection](#) remain unexpended and unobligated at the end of a fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2017, the school district may transfer all or a portion of such unexpended and unobligated funds for deposit in the school district's flexibility account established under [section 298A.2, subsection 2](#). At the end of a fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2022, the school district may use all or a portion of funds under [this subsection](#) for the purposes authorized under [subsection 9](#), paragraph "d". At the end of a fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2024, the school district may use all or a portion of funds under [this subsection](#) for any trainings required as a condition for a school employee to carry a weapon at the school during school hours.

Sec. 2. **NEW SECTION. 279.84 Mobile panic alert systems.**

A school district may purchase, install, and operate a mobile panic alert system if all of the following requirements are satisfied:

1. The system is capable of connecting different emergency services technologies to ensure real-time coordination between school employees and law enforcement agencies.
2. The system is capable of integrating with local public safety answering point infrastructure and existing land mobile radio platform technology to transmit 911 calls and mobile activations.

Sec. 3. **NEW SECTION. 279.85 School bonds — restrictions.**

Notwithstanding [sections 298.21](#) and [423F.4](#), the board of directors of a school district shall not issue negotiable, interest-bearing school bonds for borrowing money for purposes of constructing a new school building or site to be used primarily for interscholastic athletic contests or competitions, or renovating or improving a school building or site that is currently used primarily for interscholastic athletic contests or competitions, unless all of the attendance centers of the school corporation are in compliance with the provisions of the state building code, adopted on or after the effective date of this Act, related to the construction of new attendance centers and the renovation of existing attendance centers that incorporate standards designed to increase the safety of schools and school infrastructure.

Sec. 4. **NEW SECTION. 279.86 Purchase of security equipment.**

1. A school district shall install and maintain school infrastructure, as defined in [section 423F.3, subsection 6](#), paragraph "a", subparagraph (5), so that such school infrastructure performs as expected for the operational life of the school infrastructure.

† Estimate of additional local revenue expenditures required by state mandate on file with the Secretary of State

2. A school district shall not purchase school infrastructure, as defined in [section 423F.3, subsection 6](#), paragraph “a”, subparagraph (5), from an organization that is not included on the list established by the department of homeland security and emergency management pursuant to [section 423F.3, subsection 6](#), paragraph “a”, subparagraph (5), subparagraph division (a), subparagraph subdivision (vii), subparagraph part (C).

3. If a school district purchases school infrastructure, as defined in [section 423F.3, subsection 6](#), paragraph “a”, subparagraph (4), or other school safety and security equipment, including radios, cameras, panic buttons, automated locks, or shatter-resistant window film, the school district shall install and maintain in an operable condition such school infrastructure or school safety and security equipment.

Sec. 5. [Section 423F.3, subsection 6](#), paragraph a, Code 2024, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (5) (a) Additionally, “*school infrastructure*” includes software or other innovative technology, and the cost of subscription and monitoring fees associated with such software or other innovative technology, that meets all of the following requirements:

(i) Is designed to detect and alert school district employees and first responders if there is a visible, unholstered firearm on property owned by the school district.

(ii) Is capable of integrating with local public safety answering point technology.

(iii) Is designed to integrate with a school district’s existing security camera infrastructure.

(iv) Was developed in the United States without the use of any third-party data or open-source data.

(v) Was developed in the United States by an organization in which a majority interest and a controlling interest is owned by shareholders who are citizens of the United States.

(vi) Is not associated with any company that is owned or controlled by the People’s Republic of China.

(vii) All of the video processing, data processing, and data storage occurs on school district property or on servers located within the United States that follow data retention policies that are consistent with rules adopted by the department of homeland security and emergency management. The department of homeland security and emergency management shall adopt rules pursuant to [chapter 17A](#) to administer this subparagraph subdivision. The rules adopted by the department of homeland security and emergency management shall do all of the following:

(A) Establish security standards related to the transmission and storage of video and data.

(B) Establish model data retention policies related to the storage of video and data.

(C) Establish a list of organizations that satisfy the standards established by the department of homeland security and emergency management pursuant to this subparagraph subdivision. An organization may submit a request to the department of homeland security and emergency management to be included on this list.

(viii) Was developed by an organization that is on the list established by the department of homeland security and emergency management pursuant to subparagraph subdivision (vii), subparagraph part (C).

(ix) Beginning July 1, 2025, is designated by the secretary of homeland security as qualified anti-terrorism technology under 6 U.S.C. §441 et seq.

(b) For purposes of this subparagraph, “*school infrastructure*” does not include the cost of personnel.

Sec. 6. REQUIRED SCHOOL SAFETY REVIEW.

1. If not already completed, each school district, accredited nonpublic school, charter school established pursuant to [chapter 256E](#), charter school established pursuant to [chapter 256F](#), and innovation zone school established pursuant to [chapter 256F](#) shall complete a comprehensive review and evaluation of the school’s ability to ensure the safety of students enrolled in the school and of school employees, including a review and evaluation of the school’s plan for responses to active shooter scenarios and natural disasters and the school’s safety and security infrastructure.

2. On or before the first day of the school calendar established pursuant to [section 279.10, subsection 1](#), for the school year beginning July 1, 2024, each school district, accredited

nonpublic school, charter school established pursuant to [chapter 256E](#), charter school established pursuant to [chapter 256F](#), and innovation zone school established pursuant to [chapter 256F](#) shall submit the results of the comprehensive review and evaluation to the department of public safety's school safety bureau, police forces of the counties in which school attendance centers are located, the local district office of the state patrol, and, if applicable, the police forces of the cities in which school attendance centers are located, if not already submitted.

3. This section shall not be construed to duplicate any review, evaluation, report, or assessment that school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, charter schools, or innovation zone schools are currently required to complete.

4. The results of the comprehensive review and evaluation completed and submitted pursuant to this section shall be confidential and shall not be a public record subject to disclosure under [chapter 22](#).

Sec. 7. REQUIRED ACCESS TO A PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT. On or before the first day of the school calendar established pursuant to [section 279.10, subsection 1](#), for the school year beginning July 1, 2025, each school district, accredited nonpublic school, charter school established pursuant to [chapter 256E](#), charter school established pursuant to [chapter 256F](#), and innovation zone school established pursuant to [chapter 256F](#) is required to have at least one handheld or console radio, at each attendance center, that is capable of accessing a public safety answering point.

Sec. 8. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AND DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT — SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE STANDARDS — TASK FORCE.

1. The department of public safety, in collaboration with the department of education and the department of homeland security and emergency management, shall convene and provide administrative support to a task force that shall study and make recommendations related to the safety and security standards of schools and school infrastructure, including safety and security standards related to doors, windows, cameras, and locks.

2. a. The department of public safety, in collaboration with the department of education and the department of homeland security and emergency management, shall appoint all of the following members to the task force:

- (1) A representative of the department of public safety.
- (2) A representative of the department of homeland security and emergency management.
- (3) A representative of the department of public safety's school safety bureau.
- (4) A representative of the department of education.
- (5) A superintendent of a school district located in this state that has a total enrollment of greater than or equal to one thousand students.
- (6) A superintendent of a school district located in this state that has a total enrollment of less than one thousand students.
- (7) One school resource officer who is employed by a school district or accredited nonpublic school located in this state.
- (8) One president or chief executive officer of an accredited nonpublic school located in this state.
- (9) Two members of the boards of directors of school districts located in this state; provided, however, that such members shall not be members of the boards of directors of a school district that employs the superintendents appointed pursuant to subparagraph (5) or (6).
- (10) One representative of an association located in this state that represents members that perform commercial, industrial, and public works building projects, and that provides such members with a comprehensive array of educational, safety, environmental, labor, legal, professional development, and legislative services.
- (11) The state building code commissioner or a member of the state building code advisory council, if designated by the state building code commissioner.

b. The department of education may appoint not more than four members to the task force, if the department of education determines that the appointment of such member or members will be beneficial to the study and recommendations the task force is required to complete.

3. Any expenses incurred by a member of the task force shall be the responsibility of the individual member or the respective entity represented by the member.

4. The task force shall submit its findings and recommendations to the general assembly on or before December 31, 2024. The findings and recommendations shall include a proposal for modifications to the state building code that are applicable to the construction of new attendance centers and the renovation of existing attendance centers and that incorporate standards designed to increase the safety of schools and school infrastructure.

Sec. 9. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT — SCHOOL SECURITY PERSONNEL — GRANTS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE, EQUIPMENT, AND TRAINING.

1. a. If 2024 Iowa Acts, House File 2586,¹ is enacted, the department of homeland security and emergency management shall establish a grant program to provide grants to applicant school districts for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, to allow such school districts to do all of the following:

(1) Purchase infrastructure and equipment related to employee permits to carry weapons issued under [section 724.6, subsection 1](#), paragraph “a”, subparagraph (3), if enacted in 2024 Iowa Acts, House File 2586.²

(2) Facilitate the training associated with employee permits to carry weapons issued under [section 724.6, subsection 1](#), paragraph “a”, subparagraph (3), if enacted in 2024 Iowa Acts, House File 2586.³

(3) Provide stipends to employees who participate in the training associated with employee permits to carry weapons issued under [section 724.6, subsection 1](#), paragraph “a”, subparagraph (3), if enacted in 2024 Iowa Acts, House File 2586.⁴

b. The department of homeland security and emergency management shall adopt rules to implement the grant program described in paragraph “a”. The rules adopted by the department of homeland security and emergency management shall establish an application process for school districts and shall define “infrastructure”, “equipment”, and “training” for purposes of the grant program.

c. The department of homeland security and emergency management shall not award a school district with more than twenty-five thousand dollars in grant funding under this subsection.

2. If 2024 Iowa Acts, House File 2586,⁵ is enacted, there is established within the state treasury a school security personnel grant program fund. The fund shall be administered by the department of homeland security and emergency management and shall consist of moneys appropriated by the general assembly and other moneys received by the department of homeland security and emergency management for deposit in the fund.

Sec. 10. [Section 279.84, subsections 2 and 3](#), if enacted by 2024 Iowa Acts, House File 2586,⁶ section 1, are amended to read as follows:

2. The board of directors of each school district with a total enrollment of at least eight thousand students shall employ, or retain the services of, at least one private school security officer or school resource officer to guard each attendance center where students enrolled in grade nine, grade ten, grade eleven, or grade twelve regularly attend classes, unless a majority of the members of the board of directors of the school district vote to not employ or retain a private school security officer or a school resource officer. A private school security officer employed or retained by the board of directors of a school district pursuant to [this subsection](#) shall be required to participate in the annual live scenario training and quarterly live firearms

¹ Chapter 1084 herein

² Chapter 1084 herein

³ Chapter 1084 herein

⁴ Chapter 1084 herein

⁵ Chapter 1084 herein

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training ~~provided~~ approved by the department of public safety pursuant to [section 724.6, subsection 1](#), paragraph “a”, subparagraph (3).

3. The board of directors of each school district with a total enrollment of less than eight thousand students is encouraged to employ, or retain the services of, at least one private school security officer or school resource officer to guard each attendance center where students enrolled in grade nine, grade ten, grade eleven, or grade twelve regularly attend classes. A private school security officer employed or retained by the board of directors of a school district pursuant to [this subsection](#) shall be required to participate in the annual live scenario training and quarterly live firearms training ~~provided~~ approved by the department of public safety pursuant to [section 724.6, subsection 1](#), paragraph “a”, subparagraph (3).

Sec. 11. [Section 724.6, subsection 1](#), paragraph a, subparagraph (3), if enacted by 2024 Iowa Acts, House File 2586,⁷ section 2, is amended to read as follows:

(3) A person may be issued a permit to carry weapons if the person is a school employee of a school district, a private school, or an institution of higher education as defined in [section 722.11](#). The person shall complete a prescribed firearm safety training course offered pursuant to [section 724.9, subsection 1](#), prior to being issued a permit, and not be disqualified under [section 724.8](#). A person issued a permit to carry weapons under this subparagraph shall receive one-time, in-person legal training, including training on qualified immunity, annual emergency medical training, and annual communication training that is approved by the department of public safety. ~~The department of public safety shall implement required~~ A person issued a permit to carry weapons under this subparagraph shall complete annual live scenario training and quarterly live firearm training approved by the department of public safety for school employees of a school district, a private school, or an institution of higher education that has opted into participating in the professional permitting of school employees. A school employee issued a professional permit to carry by the department of public safety who is up to date with department of public safety-approved all required training, and the school district that employs the school employee, shall be entitled to qualified immunity from criminal or civil liability for all damages incurred pursuant to the application of reasonable force at the place of employment. The identity of a person who has been issued a permit pursuant to this subparagraph shall be confidential and shall not be a public record subject to disclosure under chapter 22. The department of public safety shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to administer this subparagraph.

Sec. 12. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance with [section 25B.2, subsection 3](#), the state cost of requiring compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid received by the school district under [section 257.16](#). This specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed to meet all of the state funding-related requirements of [section 25B.2, subsection 3](#), and no additional state funding shall be necessary for the full implementation of this Act by and enforcement of this Act against all affected school districts.

Sec. 13. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

Sec. 14. APPLICABILITY. The following applies to school bonds authorized by voters at an election held after July 1, 2024, and projects approved by the board of directors of a school district after July 1, 2024:

The section of this Act enacting [section 279.85](#).

Sec. 15. APPLICABILITY. The following applies to school infrastructure purchased by a school district on or after the effective date of this Act:

The section of this Act enacting [section 279.86](#).

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⁷ Chapter 1084 herein