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### SCHOOL SAFETY TASK FORCE MEETING — SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

**Meeting.** The School Safety Task Force established by [House File 2652](#) (School Safety Plans and Improvements Act), met for a regular meeting on September 26, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Public Safety (DPS) headquarters in Des Moines. The agenda for the meeting is available at the [DPS website](#).

**Building Code.** Catherine Lucas and Josie Wagler with the DPS delivered a presentation to the Task Force on building code changes that other states have made, or have considered making, to improve school safety. States covered in the presentation include Arkansas, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, Ohio, and Utah. Topics covered in the presentation include the following:

- Exterior door locking systems.
- Temporary locking devices that may be installed on interior doors.
- The type and complexity of locking devices.
- Door and window glazing.
- Communication between law enforcement, fire departments, and school districts regarding door locking mechanisms.
- State Building Code and Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.

**Report Outline.** The Task Force is required to submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by December 31, 2024. The Task Force began work on an outline for the report and discussed including changes to the following components:

- Emergency Operations Plans (EOP).
- Quick action plans.
- Vulnerability assessments.
- Reporting tools and tip lines.
- Access control plans.
- Expanding knowledge of existing tools.

**Next Meeting.** The School Safety Task Force's next meeting is October 10, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the DPS headquarters in Des Moines.

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