



[HF 2586](#) – School Safety and Security (LSB6276HV)
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Fiscal Note Version – New

Description

[House File 2586](#) creates new provisions related to school security. The Bill establishes the School Security Grant Program, to be administered by the Department of Education (DE). The Bill requires school districts with 8,000 or more students to employ a private security officer or school resource officer at each attendance center where students in grades 9 through 12 regularly attend classes. The Bill also authorizes school employees to be issued professional permits to carry firearms on school property. The Bill further requires school security officers to participate in live scenario training and live firearms training provided by the Department of Public Safety (DPS).

Background

Currently, school districts are not required to employ a private security officer or school resource officer. School districts that employ a school resource officer typically have agreements to split costs with local cities and/or counties. The details of these agreements vary, but on average, districts pay 58.8% of the cost. Total costs, prior to being split with local authorities, for a school resource officer generally range from \$95,000 to \$115,000, including salary, benefits, and equipment.

Iowa Code section [724.4B](#) allows school districts to authorize individuals to carry weapons on school district grounds. However, no school currently authorizes employees to carry firearms on campus. Current law does not require specific permits or training for a district to authorize an individual to carry weapons.

Assumptions

- School districts will not receive more than one School Security Personnel Grant regardless of the number of qualifying attendance centers but may divide the funds across multiple centers.
- Attendance centers that do not serve all grades 9 through 12 (e.g., a center with only grades 10 through 12) will not qualify for the School Security Personnel Grant Program.
- Attendance centers that do not serve all grades 9 through 12 will not be required to employ private school security officers or school resource officers.
- There are 301 school districts with at least one attendance center containing grades 9 through 12.
- Each school district that applies to the program will spend \$50,000 or more in matching funds on the employment of private school security officers or school resource officers at attendance centers containing grades 9 through 12 and will apply for the grant.
- There are 11 school districts with 8,000 or more students that would be required to employ private school security officers or school resource officers at qualified attendance centers.
- The average cost to school districts for employing a school resource officer, after sharing costs with local cities or counties, is estimated at \$63,000.
- The number of school districts currently employing school resource officers is unknown, and the number of districts that may apply under the grant program is unknown.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact to the State to fully fund the School Security Personnel Grant Program is estimated to be \$15.1 million. However, the number of school districts that will employ a school resource officer at qualifying attendance centers and apply for the grant is unknown. There will be minimal administrative costs to the DE. The fiscal impact to the DPS cannot be estimated at this time.

The fiscal impact to school districts with 8,000 or more students and qualified attendance centers is unknown due to a lack of information on which school districts currently employ school resource officers. There are 11 school districts with 8,000 or more students, nine of which have qualified attendance centers where they will be required to employ private school security officers or school resource officers. The maximum estimated cost to comply with this requirement is approximately \$2.0 million across all nine eligible districts. Districts in full compliance will not see any additional costs under the Bill and may see savings if that district receives grants from the DE.

Figure 1 — Maximum School Security Compliance Cost for Districts with 8,000+ Students

Districts With 8,000+ Students	Qualifying Attendance Centers	Cost
Ankeny Comm School District*	N/A	\$ 0
Cedar Rapids Comm School District	5	315,000
Council Bluffs Comm School District	2	126,000
Davenport Comm School District	4	252,000
Des Moines Independent Comm School District	6	378,000
Dubuque Comm School District	3	189,000
Iowa City Comm School District	4	252,000
Sioux City Comm School District	3	189,000
Waterloo Comm School District	3	189,000
Waukee Comm School District*	N/A	0
West Des Moines Comm School District**	1	63,000
Maximum Compliance Cost to School Districts		\$ 1,953,000

*The district does not have any attendance centers with grades 9 through 12 that will be required to employ private school security officers or school resource officers.

**The district has one or more attendance centers that contain some but not all of grades 9 through 12. Those centers will not be required to employ private school security officers or school resource officers.

Sources

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