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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring school districts to establish security plans
2 for school buildings and providing for a school security
3 task force and report.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 279.70 School district building
2 security plans.

3 The board of directors of a school district shall establish
4 a security plan for individual school buildings in the school
5 district in which students are educated no later than June
6 30, 2018. The board shall consider the recommendations of
7 the school security task force and shall consult with local
8 law enforcement agencies and the local emergency management
9 coordinator in the development of the plan. The board shall
10 ensure that the plan is distributed to the parents or guardians
11 of all students enrolled in the school district at least once
12 per school year. Such distribution may be electronic. The
13 board shall ensure that the plan is shared with students
14 enrolled in the school district at a school assembly at least
15 once per school year.

16 Sec. 2. SCHOOL SECURITY TASK FORCE AND REPORT.

17 1. The department of education shall establish a school
18 security task force. The task force shall consist of the
19 following members:

20 a. One member who is a representative of the department of
21 education.

22 b. One member who is a representative of the department of
23 public safety.

24 c. One member who is a representative of the department of
25 homeland security and emergency management.

26 d. One member who is a representative of a local law
27 enforcement agency.

28 e. One member who is a representative of local emergency
29 management coordinators.

30 f. One member who is a representative of the Iowa
31 association of school boards.

32 g. One member who is a representative of the school
33 administrators of Iowa.

34 h. One member who is a representative of the Iowa state
35 education association.

1 i. One member who is a representative of school resource
2 officers.

3 j. One member who is a representative of the general public.

4 2. The department of education shall provide staffing
5 services for the task force.

6 3. The task force shall gather information and make
7 recommendations regarding all of the following:

8 a. Security measures for school buildings which can be
9 implemented at a range of costs to school districts, including
10 but not limited to security measures that can be implemented
11 at no cost to school districts.

12 b. Means for including such security measures in the
13 construction of new school buildings.

14 c. Identification of existing and potential funding sources
15 for the implementation of such security measures.

16 4. The task force shall issue a report regarding its
17 findings and recommendations to the governor and the general
18 assembly no later than December 31, 2017. The department of
19 education shall publish the report on its internet site and
20 distribute the report electronically to all school districts
21 in this state.

22 EXPLANATION

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

25 This bill requires the board of directors of a school
26 district to establish a security plan for individual school
27 buildings in the school district in which students are educated
28 no later than June 30, 2018. The bill requires the board to
29 consider the recommendations of the school security task force
30 established by the bill and consult with local law enforcement
31 agencies and the local emergency management coordinator in the
32 development of the plan. The bill requires the board to ensure
33 that the plan is distributed to the parents or guardians of
34 all students enrolled in the school district at least once per
35 school year. The bill requires the board to ensure that the

1 plan is shared with students enrolled in the school district at
2 a school assembly at least once per school year.

3 The bill requires the department of education to establish a
4 school security task force and provide staffing for the task
5 force. The bill provides for the membership of the task force.

6 The task force is required to gather information and
7 make recommendations regarding security measures for school
8 buildings which can implemented at a range of costs, means for
9 including such security measures in the construction of new
10 school buildings, and identification of existing and potential
11 funding sources for the implementation of such security
12 measures. The task force is required to issue a report
13 regarding its findings and recommendations to the governor and
14 the general assembly no later than December 31, 2017. The
15 department of education is required to publish the report on
16 its internet site and distribute the report electronically to
17 all school districts in this state.