

House File 515 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 353)

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 December
6 31, 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
10 shall update the plan at least every four years. The board
11 shall make the plan available to all employees of the school
12 district. The board shall notify all students and parents
13 or guardians of students that such a plan is in place at
14 least once per school year. The notification shall include
15 information about the plan but shall not include information
16 described in section 22.7, subsection 50.

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

18 1. The department of education shall establish a school
19 security task force. The task force shall consist of members
20 including but not limited to the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 education association.

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

4 j. One member who is a representative of parents of students
5 enrolled in school districts.

6 k. One member who is a representative of the general public.

7 2. The department of education shall provide staffing
8 services for the task force.

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

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

15 b. Means for including such security measures in the
16 construction of new school buildings.

17 c. Identification of existing and potential funding sources
18 for the implementation of such security measures.

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

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EXPLANATION

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

28 This bill requires the board of directors of a school
29 district to establish a security plan for individual school
30 buildings in the school district in which students are educated
31 no later than December 31, 2018. The bill requires the
32 board to consider the recommendations of the school security
33 task force established by the bill and consult with local
34 law enforcement agencies and the local emergency management
35 coordinator in the development of the plan. The bill requires

1 the board to update the plan at least every four years. The
2 bill requires the board to make the plan available to all
3 employees of the school district. The bill requires the board
4 to notify all students and parents or guardians of students
5 that such a plan is in place at least once per school year. The
6 bill provides that the notification shall include information
7 about the plan but shall not include certain information that
8 may be confidential.

9 The bill requires the department of education to establish a
10 school security task force and provide staffing for the task
11 force. The bill provides for the membership of the task force.

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