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A BILL FOR

- An Act relating to the security of school district buildings,
 including establishing the school security grant program
 within the department of education, establishing design
 and construction standards for new attendance centers, and
 making appropriations.
- 6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 256.20 School security — grant
2 program.

1. The department shall establish a school security grant program to provide grants to school districts to help school districts offset the cost associated with installing school safety and security infrastructure, including any of the following:

8 a. Security camera systems.

9 b. Metal detectors.

10 c. Security doors and security windows that can withstand 11 breaching, bullets, and explosive blasts.

12 2. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A 13 to administer this section, including rules relating to grant 14 application materials, eligibility requirements, and award 15 criteria.

16 3. Moneys awarded under this section shall be used to 17 supplement, not supplant, existing public funding used by a 18 school district for similar purposes.

4. A school security grant program fund is established in the state treasury. The fund shall be administered by and under the control of the department and shall consist of moneys appropriated by the general assembly and any other amoneys received by the department for deposit in the fund. The moneys in the fund are appropriated to the department for the school security grant program. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys in the fund at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund of the state but shall remain available for expenditure for the school security grant program for subsequent fiscal years. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or earnings on moneys in the fund shall be credited to the fund.

5. For each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2024, there is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the department the sum of three million dollars for the school security grant program.

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 2 attendance centers.

3 1. All school district buildings that contain classrooms 4 used for instructional purposes for elementary, middle, or 5 secondary school students, that are designed and built on or 6 after January 1, 2025, shall satisfy all of the following 7 criteria:

8 a. Each door and window within classrooms in the school
9 district building must be able to withstand breaching, bullets,
10 and explosive blasts.

11 b. The school district building must have only one point 12 of entry, and that point of entry must lead to a main office 13 that is separated from the classrooms in the school district 14 building by doors that can be locked.

15 2. The state board of education shall adopt rules under16 chapter 17A for the administration of this section.

EXPLANATION

18 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with 19 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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This bill relates to the security of school district buildings, including establishing the school security grant program within the department of education (DE) and setablishing design and construction standards for new attendance centers.

The bill establishes that DE is to provide grants under the program to school districts to help offset the cost associated with installing school safety and security infrastructure, including security camera systems, metal detectors, and security doors and windows. The bill requires DE to adopt or rules to administer the program. The bill provides that moneys awarded under the program shall be used to supplement, not supplant, existing public funding used by a school district for similar purposes.

The bill establishes a school security grant program fund in the state treasury. The bill appropriates \$3 million from

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1 the general fund to DE each fiscal year beginning on or after 2 July 1, 2024, for purposes of the program. The bill provides 3 that moneys in the fund at the close of the fiscal year shall 4 not revert to the general fund of the state but shall remain 5 available for expenditure under the program for subsequent 6 fiscal years. The bill also provides that interest or earnings 7 on moneys in the fund shall be credited to the fund.

8 The bill requires that all school district buildings that 9 contain classrooms used for instructional purposes that are 10 designed and built on or after January 1, 2025, meet certain 11 specified requirements related to school security, including 12 each door and window within classrooms in the building must be 13 able to withstand breaching, bullets, and explosive blasts, and 14 the building must have only one point of entry, and that point 15 of entry must lead to a main office that is separated from the 16 classrooms in the building by doors that can be locked. The 17 bill requires the state board of education to adopt rules to 18 administer this provision.

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