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BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 692)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to school security, including by modifying
2 provisions related to the issuance of school bonds,
3 requiring schools to conduct school safety reviews and have
4 access to a public safety answering point, establishing
5 the firearm detection software grant program within the
6 department of homeland security and emergency management,
7 requiring the department of public safety to convene a
8 task force related to the safety and security standards of
9 schools and school infrastructure, making appropriations,
10 and including effective date and applicability provisions.
11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **279.84 Mobile panic alert systems.**

2 A school district may purchase, install, and operate a
3 mobile panic alert system if all of the following requirements
4 are satisfied:

5 1. The system is capable of connecting different emergency
6 services technologies to ensure real-time coordination between
7 school employees and law enforcement agencies.

8 2. The system is capable of integrating with local public
9 safety answering point infrastructure and existing land mobile
10 radio platform technology to transmit 911 calls and mobile
11 activations.

12 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. **279.85 School bonds — restrictions.**

13 Notwithstanding sections 298.21 and 423F.4, the board of
14 directors of a school district shall not issue negotiable,
15 interest-bearing school bonds for borrowing money for
16 purposes of constructing a new school building or site to
17 be used primarily for interscholastic athletic contests or
18 competitions, or renovating or improving a school building
19 or site that is currently used primarily for interscholastic
20 athletic contests or competitions, unless all of the attendance
21 centers of the school corporation are in compliance with the
22 provisions of the state building code, adopted on or after the
23 effective date of this Act, related to the construction of new
24 attendance centers and the renovation of existing attendance
25 centers that incorporate standards designed to increase the
26 safety of schools and school infrastructure.

27 Sec. 3. **REQUIRED SCHOOL SAFETY REVIEW.**

28 1. If not already completed, each school district,
29 accredited nonpublic school, charter school established
30 pursuant to chapter 256E, charter school established pursuant
31 to chapter 256F, and innovation zone school established
32 pursuant to chapter 256F shall complete a comprehensive review
33 and evaluation of the school's ability to ensure the safety
34 of students enrolled in the school and of school employees,
35 including a review and evaluation of the school's plan for

1 responses to active shooter scenarios and natural disasters and
2 the school's safety and security infrastructure.

3 2. On or before the first day of the school calendar
4 established pursuant to section 279.10, subsection 1, for the
5 school year beginning July 1, 2024, each school district,
6 accredited nonpublic school, charter school established
7 pursuant to chapter 256E, charter school established pursuant
8 to chapter 256F, and innovation zone school established
9 pursuant to chapter 256F shall submit the results of the
10 comprehensive review and evaluation to the department of public
11 safety's school safety bureau, police forces of the counties in
12 which school attendance centers are located, the local district
13 office of the state patrol, and, if applicable, the police
14 forces of the cities in which school attendance centers are
15 located, if not already submitted.

16 3. This section shall not be construed to duplicate
17 any review, evaluation, report, or assessment that school
18 districts, accredited nonpublic schools, charter schools, or
19 innovation zone schools are currently required to complete.

20 4. The results of the comprehensive review and evaluation
21 completed and submitted pursuant to this section shall be
22 confidential and shall not be a public record subject to
23 disclosure under chapter 22.

24 Sec. 4. REQUIRED ACCESS TO A PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING
25 POINT. On or before the first day of the school calendar
26 established pursuant to section 279.10, subsection 1, for the
27 school year beginning July 1, 2025, each school district,
28 accredited nonpublic school, charter school established
29 pursuant to chapter 256E, charter school established pursuant
30 to chapter 256F, and innovation zone school established
31 pursuant to chapter 256F is required to have at least one
32 handheld or console radio, at each attendance center, that is
33 capable of accessing a public safety answering point.

34 Sec. 5. FIREARM DETECTION SOFTWARE PILOT PROGRAM —
35 DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT —

1 APPROPRIATION.

2 1. The department of homeland security and emergency
3 management shall establish a firearm detection software grant
4 program to provide grants to school districts to help such
5 school districts offset the cost associated with purchasing,
6 installing, and operating software that meets all of the
7 following requirements:

8 a. Is designed to detect and alert school district employees
9 and first responders if there is a visible, unholstered firearm
10 on property owned by the school district.

11 b. Is designated by the secretary of homeland security as
12 qualified anti-terrorism technology under 6 U.S.C. §441 et seq.

13 c. Is designed to integrate with a school district's
14 existing security camera infrastructure.

15 d. Was developed in the United States without the use of any
16 third-party data or open-source data.

17 2. The department of homeland security and emergency
18 management shall provide at least one grant under the firearm
19 detection software grant program to each of the following
20 school districts:

21 a. A school district with a total enrollment in the school
22 year beginning July 1, 2023, that was among the forty-eight
23 largest total enrollment amounts in the state.

24 b. A school district with a total enrollment in the school
25 year beginning July 1, 2023, that was among the next sixty-four
26 largest total enrollment amounts in the state, after the school
27 districts described in paragraph "a".

28 c. A school district that is not described in paragraph "a"
29 or "b".

30 3. The department of homeland security and emergency
31 management shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to
32 administer this section, including rules relating to grant
33 application materials and award criteria.

34 4. Moneys awarded under this section shall be used to
35 supplement, not supplant, existing public funding used by

1 school districts for similar purposes.

2 5. a. Each school district that receives a grant pursuant
3 to this section shall, in coordination with the department of
4 homeland security and emergency management and the department
5 of public safety's school safety bureau, evaluate the
6 effectiveness of the software purchased with moneys awarded
7 under this section in protecting students, school personnel,
8 and the public.

9 b. Each school district that receives a grant pursuant
10 to this section shall submit an initial evaluation of the
11 effectiveness of the software purchased with moneys awarded
12 under this section to the general assembly on or before
13 December 15, 2024.

14 c. Each school district that receives a grant pursuant
15 to this section shall submit a final evaluation of the
16 effectiveness of the software purchased with moneys awarded
17 under this section to the general assembly on or before
18 December 15, 2025.

19 6. a. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
20 state to the department of homeland security and emergency
21 management for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and
22 ending June 30, 2024, the following amount, or so much thereof
23 as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

24 For purposes of the firearm detection software grant program
25 established pursuant to subsection 1, if enacted:
26 \$ 350,000

27 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in
28 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
29 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
30 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the
31 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

32 Sec. 6. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF
33 EDUCATION, AND DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY
34 MANAGEMENT — SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE
35 STANDARDS — TASK FORCE.

1 1. The department of public safety, in collaboration with
2 the department of education and the department of homeland
3 security and emergency management, shall convene and provide
4 administrative support to a task force that shall study
5 and make recommendations related to the safety and security
6 standards of schools and school infrastructure, including
7 safety and security standards related to doors, windows,
8 cameras, and locks.

9 2. a. The department of public safety, in collaboration
10 with the department of education and the department of homeland
11 security and emergency management, shall appoint all of the
12 following members to the task force:

13 (1) A representative of the department of public safety.

14 (2) A representative of the department of homeland security
15 and emergency management.

16 (3) A representative of the department of public safety's
17 school safety bureau.

18 (4) A representative of the department of education.

19 (5) A superintendent of a school district located in this
20 state that has a total enrollment of greater than or equal to
21 one thousand students.

22 (6) A superintendent of a school district located in this
23 state that has a total enrollment of less than one thousand
24 students.

25 (7) One school resource officer who is employed by a school
26 district or accredited nonpublic school located in this state.

27 (8) One president or chief executive officer of an
28 accredited nonpublic school located in this state.

29 (9) Two members of the boards of directors of school
30 districts located in this state; provided, however, that such
31 members shall not be members of the boards of directors of
32 a school district that employs the superintendents appointed
33 pursuant to subparagraph (5) or (6).

34 (10) One representative of an association located in
35 this state that represents members that perform commercial,

1 industrial, and public works building projects, and
2 that provides such members with a comprehensive array of
3 educational, safety, environmental, labor, legal, professional
4 development, and legislative services.

5 b. The department of education may appoint not more than
6 four members to the task force, if the department of education
7 determines that the appointment of such member or members will
8 be beneficial to the study and recommendations the task force
9 is required to complete.

10 3. Any expenses incurred by a member of the task force
11 shall be the responsibility of the individual member or the
12 respective entity represented by the member.

13 4. The task force shall submit its findings and
14 recommendations to the general assembly on or before December
15 31, 2024. The findings and recommendations shall include a
16 proposal for modifications to the state building code that
17 are applicable to the construction of new attendance centers
18 and the renovation of existing attendance centers and that
19 incorporate standards designed to increase the safety of
20 schools and school infrastructure.

21 Sec. 7. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY
22 MANAGEMENT — SCHOOL SECURITY PERSONNEL — GRANTS FOR
23 INFRASTRUCTURE, EQUIPMENT, AND TRAINING.

24 1. a. If 2024 Iowa Acts, House File 2586, or successor
25 legislation, is enacted, the department of homeland security
26 and emergency management shall establish a grant program to
27 provide grants to applicant school districts for the fiscal
28 year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, to allow
29 such school districts to do all of the following:

30 (1) Purchase infrastructure and equipment related to
31 employee permits to carry weapons issued under section 724.6,
32 subsection 1, paragraph "a", subparagraph (3), if enacted in
33 2024 Iowa Acts, House File 2586, or successor legislation.

34 (2) Facilitate the training associated with employee
35 permits to carry weapons issued under section 724.6, subsection

1 1, paragraph "a", subparagraph (3), if enacted in 2024 Iowa
2 Acts, House File 2586, or successor legislation.

3 (3) Provide stipends to employees who participate in the
4 training associated with employee permits to carry weapons
5 issued under section 724.6, subsection 1, paragraph "a",
6 subparagraph (3), if enacted in 2024 Iowa Acts, House File
7 2586, or successor legislation.

8 b. The department of homeland security and emergency
9 management shall adopt rules to implement the grant program
10 described in paragraph "a". The rules adopted by the
11 department of homeland security and emergency management shall
12 establish an application process for school districts and
13 shall define "infrastructure", "equipment", and "training" for
14 purposes of the grant program.

15 c. The department of homeland security and emergency
16 management shall not award a school district with more than
17 twenty-five thousand dollars in grant funding under this
18 subsection.

19 2. If 2024 Iowa Acts, House File 2586, or successor
20 legislation, is enacted, there is appropriated from the 911
21 emergency communications fund established pursuant to section
22 34A.7A to the department of homeland security and emergency
23 management for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and
24 ending June 30, 2025, the following amount, or so much thereof
25 as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

26 For purposes of the grant program established under
27 subsection 1:
28 \$ 3,000,000

29 Sec. 8. EMERGENCY RULES. The department of homeland
30 security and emergency management may adopt emergency
31 rules under section 17A.4, subsection 3, and section 17A.5,
32 subsection 2, paragraph "b", to implement the provisions of
33 this Act establishing the firearm detection software grant
34 program, and the rules shall be effective immediately upon
35 filing unless a later date is specified in the rules. Any

1 system is capable of connecting different emergency services
2 technologies to ensure real-time coordination between
3 employees and law enforcement agencies and if the system is
4 capable of integrating with local public safety answering
5 point infrastructure and existing land mobile radio platform
6 technology.

7 The bill requires each school district, accredited nonpublic
8 school, charter school, and innovation zone school to complete
9 a comprehensive review and evaluation of the school's ability
10 to ensure the safety of students enrolled in the school and of
11 school employees.

12 The bill establishes that, on or before the first day of
13 the school calendar for the school year beginning July 1,
14 2024, each school is required to submit the results of the
15 comprehensive review and evaluation to the department of public
16 safety's school safety bureau, police forces of the counties
17 in which school attendance centers are located, the local
18 district office of the state patrol, and, if applicable, the
19 police forces of the cities in which school attendance centers
20 are located. The bill provides that these provisions shall not
21 be construed to duplicate any review, evaluation, report, or
22 assessment that schools are currently required to complete.
23 The bill also provides that the comprehensive review and
24 evaluation that is completed and submitted pursuant to these
25 provisions shall be confidential and shall not be a public
26 record subject to disclosure.

27 The bill requires that, on or before the first day of the
28 school calendar for the school year beginning July 1, 2025,
29 each school district, accredited nonpublic school, charter
30 school, and innovation zone school is required to have at least
31 one handheld or console radio, at each attendance center, that
32 is capable of accessing a public safety answering point.

33 The bill requires the department of homeland security
34 and emergency management to establish a firearm detection
35 software grant program to provide grants to school districts

1 to help such school districts offset the cost associated
2 with purchasing, installing, and operating software that is
3 designed to detect and alert school district employees and
4 first responders if there is a visible, unholstered firearm on
5 property owned by the school district, is designated by the
6 secretary of homeland security as qualified anti-terrorism
7 technology, is designed to integrate with a school district's
8 existing security camera infrastructure, and was developed in
9 the United States without the use of any third-party data or
10 open-source data. The bill authorizes the department to adopt
11 emergency rules to implement the program. The bill requires
12 the department to award at least one grant under the program to
13 certain specified schools. The bill appropriates \$350,000 from
14 the general fund of the state for FY 2023-2024 for purposes
15 of the grant program. The bill provides that if these moneys
16 remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal
17 year, the moneys shall not revert but shall remain available
18 for expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of
19 the succeeding fiscal year. The bill establishes that moneys
20 awarded under this provision shall be used to supplement, not
21 supplant, existing public funding used by school districts for
22 similar purposes. The bill requires school districts that
23 receive a grant to, in coordination with the department of
24 homeland security and emergency management and the department
25 of public safety's school safety bureau, evaluate the
26 effectiveness of the software purchased with moneys awarded
27 under this provision in protecting students, school personnel,
28 and the public and submit reports to the general assembly.

29 The bill requires the department of public safety, in
30 collaboration with the department of education and the
31 department of homeland security and emergency management, to
32 convene a task force to study and make recommendations related
33 to the safety and security standards of schools and school
34 infrastructure. The bill establishes the membership of the
35 task force. The bill requires the task force to submit its

1 findings and recommendations to the general assembly on or
2 before December 31, 2024. The findings and recommendations are
3 required to include a proposal for modifications to the state
4 building code that are applicable to the construction of new
5 attendance centers and the renovation of existing attendance
6 centers and that incorporate standards designed to increase
7 the safety of schools and school infrastructure. The bill
8 prohibits the board of directors of a school corporation from
9 issuing negotiable, interest-bearing school bonds, including
10 bonds issued under Code chapter 423F (statewide school
11 infrastructure funding), for borrowing money for purposes of
12 constructing a new school building or site to be used primarily
13 for interscholastic athletic contests or competitions, or
14 renovating or improving a building or site that is currently
15 used for such purposes, unless all of the attendance centers of
16 the school corporation are in compliance with these modified
17 provisions of the state building code, if adopted. The
18 bill provides that these provisions apply to school bonds
19 authorized by voters at an election held after July 1, 2024,
20 and to projects approved by the board of directors of a school
21 district after July 1, 2024.

22 The bill provides that, if 2024 Iowa Acts, House File
23 2586, or successor legislation, is enacted, the department of
24 homeland security and emergency management shall establish
25 a grant program to provide grants to school districts for
26 FY 2024-2025 to allow such school districts to purchase
27 infrastructure and equipment related to employee permits to
28 carry weapons and to facilitate the training associated with
29 employee permits to carry weapons. The bill requires the
30 department of homeland security and emergency management to
31 adopt rules to implement the grant program. The bill prohibits
32 the department of homeland security and emergency management
33 from awarding a school district with more than \$25,000 in
34 grant funding under the grant program. The bill appropriates
35 \$3 million from the 911 emergency communications fund to the

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1 department of homeland security and emergency management for
2 FY 2024-2025 for purposes of the grant program, if 2024 Iowa
3 Acts, House File 2586, or successor legislation, is enacted.

4 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code
5 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of
6 any state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school
7 district from state school foundation aid received by the
8 school district under Code section 257.16. The specification
9 is deemed to constitute state compliance with any state mandate
10 funding-related requirements of Code section 25B.2. The
11 inclusion of this specification is intended to reinstate the
12 requirement of political subdivisions to comply with any state
13 mandates included in the bill.

14 The bill takes effect upon enactment.