

Senate File 583 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1099)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to school safety by requiring the creation of
2 threat assessment teams and authorizing information sharing
3 between certain governmental agencies.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **29D.1 Information sharing — school**
2 **safety.**

3 1. For purposes of this section:

4 a. (1) "Covered entity" includes all of the following:

5 (a) A criminal or juvenile justice agency as defined in
6 section 692.1.

7 (b) A city, county, or township.

8 (c) A state agency.

9 (d) Any service or support provider that contracts with an
10 entity described in subparagraph divisions (a) through (c).

11 (2) "Covered entity" does not include the judicial branch.

12 b. "School" means all of the following:

13 (1) A school corporation organized under chapter 274.

14 (2) A nonpublic school as defined in section 280.2.

15 (3) A charter school established pursuant to chapter 256E.

16 (4) A charter school or innovation zone school established
17 pursuant to chapter 256F.

18 (5) Any service or support provider that contracts with an
19 entity described in subparagraphs (1) through (4).

20 c. "State agency" means a department, board, bureau,
21 commission, or other agency or authority of the state of Iowa.

22 2. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,
23 including section 22.7, any covered entity or school that
24 provides services to students enrolled in kindergarten through
25 grade twelve who are experiencing or at risk of an emotional
26 disturbance or mental illness, or who pose an articulable and
27 significant threat to the health and safety of any person, shall,
28 upon the request of another covered entity or school when the
29 covered entity or school is acting as part of a multidisciplinary
30 threat assessment team established pursuant to section 280.36,
31 share records or information that are reasonably necessary to
32 ensure access to appropriate services for such students, or to
33 ensure the safety of such students or others, with any other such
34 covered entity or school.

35 3. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,

1 including section 22.7, a multidisciplinary threat assessment
2 team established pursuant to section 280.36 may request
3 and receive records or information that are related to
4 students enrolled in kindergarten through grade twelve who are
5 experiencing or at risk of an emotional disturbance or mental
6 illness, or who pose an articulable and significant threat to the
7 health and safety of any person.

8 4. When acting as part of a multidisciplinary threat
9 assessment team established pursuant to section 280.36, a
10 covered entity and a school may communicate, collaborate, and
11 coordinate efforts with other covered entities to best serve
12 students enrolled in kindergarten through grade twelve who are
13 experiencing or at risk of an emotional disturbance or mental
14 illness, or who pose an articulable and significant threat to the
15 health and safety of any person.

16 Sec. 2. Section 256E.7, subsection 2, Code 2025, is amended
17 by adding the following new paragraphs:

18 NEW PARAGRAPH. 0d. Be subject to and comply with the
19 requirements of section 29D.1 relating to the sharing of
20 records or information, and the communication, collaboration,
21 and coordination of efforts to best serve students, in the same
22 manner as a school district.

23 NEW PARAGRAPH. 0t. Be subject to and comply with the
24 requirements of section 280.36 relating to the establishment of
25 a multidisciplinary threat assessment team in the same manner as
26 a school district.

27 Sec. 3. Section 256F.4, subsection 2, Code 2025, is amended
28 by adding the following new paragraphs:

29 NEW PARAGRAPH. 0d. Be subject to and comply with the
30 requirements of section 29D.1 relating to the sharing of
31 records or information, and the communication, collaboration,
32 and coordination of efforts to best serve students, in the same
33 manner as a school district.

34 NEW PARAGRAPH. r. Be subject to and comply with the
35 requirements of section 280.36 relating to the establishment of

1 a multidisciplinary threat assessment team in the same manner as
2 a school district.

3 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. **280.36 Multidisciplinary threat**
4 **assessment teams — immunity.**

5 1. The board of directors of each school district and
6 the authorities in charge of each accredited nonpublic school
7 may establish a multidisciplinary threat assessment team. If
8 established, the multidisciplinary threat assessment team shall
9 coordinate resources and assess and intervene when a student
10 enrolled in the school district or accredited nonpublic school
11 exhibits behavior that may pose a threat to the safety of the
12 school district or accredited nonpublic school, employees of the
13 school district or accredited nonpublic school, or other student
14 enrolled in the school district or accredited nonpublic school.

15 2. The multidisciplinary threat assessment team may consist
16 of any of the following members:

- 17 a. A local law enforcement official.
- 18 b. A representative from juvenile court services.
- 19 c. A mental health professional.
- 20 d. A social services representative.
- 21 e. A school official.

22 3. The board of directors of a school district or the
23 authorities in charge of an accredited nonpublic school may
24 enter into an agreement with another school district, accredited
25 nonpublic school, charter school, or innovation zone school to
26 create a multidisciplinary threat assessment team that shall
27 coordinate resources among the schools and assess and intervene
28 when a student enrolled in either school exhibits behavior that
29 may pose a threat to the safety of either school, employees of
30 either school, or students enrolled in either school.

31 4. A multidisciplinary threat assessment team may do any of
32 the following:

- 33 a. Share or request records or information in accordance with
34 section 29D.1.
- 35 b. Request records from a court.

1 5. In addition to any other immunity available, any person
2 who, in good faith with reasonable cause and without malice, acts
3 to report, investigate, or cause any investigation to be made
4 into the activities of a student or other person as such report
5 or investigation relates to conduct or information indicating
6 that the student or person poses a credible danger of serious
7 bodily injury or death to one or more students, school employees,
8 or others on school property shall be immune from all criminal
9 and civil liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed
10 as the result of the making of such a report, investigation, or
11 disclosure.

12 6. Notwithstanding sections 22.7, 232.147, 232.149, 232.149A,
13 and 232.151, a representative from juvenile court services who
14 is a member of a multidisciplinary threat assessment team may
15 share records or information among the other members of the
16 multidisciplinary threat assessment team if the records or
17 information are reasonably necessary to ensure the safety of
18 students or others, and if the records or information are not
19 sealed by a court order.

20 7. a. Notwithstanding sections 22.7, 232.147, 232.149,
21 232.149A, and 232.151, upon the request of a multidisciplinary
22 threat assessment team, a court shall disclose to the
23 multidisciplinary threat assessment team a record if the record
24 is reasonably necessary to ensure the safety of students or
25 others, and if the record is not sealed by a court order.

26 b. Paragraph "a" shall not be construed to prohibit a
27 multidisciplinary threat assessment team from submitting an
28 application to a court for release of a record pursuant to any
29 other authority established by law.

30 EXPLANATION

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

33 This bill relates to school safety by requiring the creation
34 of threat assessment teams and authorizing information sharing
35 between certain governmental agencies.

1 The bill defines "covered entity" to include a criminal or
2 juvenile justice agency; a city, county, or township; a state
3 agency; and any service or support provider that contracts with
4 such entities. The bill defines "state agency" as a department,
5 board, bureau, commission, or other agency or authority of the
6 state of Iowa. "Covered entity" does not include the judicial
7 branch. The bill defines "school" to mean a school corporation
8 organized under Code chapter 274 (school districts), a nonpublic
9 school, a charter school, and an innovation zone school.

10 The bill requires covered entities and schools that provide
11 services to students enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12
12 who are experiencing or at risk of an emotional disturbance
13 or mental illness, or who pose an articulable and significant
14 threat to the health and safety of any person, to share records
15 or information that are reasonably necessary to ensure access
16 to appropriate services for such students, or to ensure the
17 safety of such students or others, with any other covered entity
18 or school upon the request of the covered entity or school
19 when the covered entity or school is acting as part of a
20 multidisciplinary threat assessment team established pursuant to
21 the bill's provisions. Multidisciplinary threat assessment teams
22 are authorized to request and receive records or information
23 that are related to students enrolled in kindergarten through
24 grade 12 who are experiencing or at risk of an emotional
25 disturbance or mental illness, or who pose an articulable and
26 significant threat to the health and safety of any person. The
27 bill allows covered entities and schools, when acting as part
28 of a multidisciplinary threat assessment team, to communicate,
29 collaborate, and coordinate efforts to best serve students.

30 The bill authorizes school districts, accredited nonpublic
31 schools, charter schools, and innovation zone schools to
32 establish a multidisciplinary threat assessment team. The
33 multidisciplinary threat assessment team is required to
34 coordinate resources and assess and intervene when a student
35 enrolled in the school exhibits behavior that may pose a

1 threat to the safety of the school, school employees, or other
2 students enrolled in the school. The bill establishes the
3 membership of the multidisciplinary threat assessment team. The
4 bill authorizes school districts to enter into an agreement
5 with another school to create a multidisciplinary threat
6 assessment team that covers both schools. The bill also
7 authorizes multidisciplinary threat assessment teams to share
8 records or information in accordance with the bill's provisions
9 and to request records from a court. The bill provides
10 immunity from criminal and civil liability to certain specified
11 persons who report information related to school safety. A
12 representative from juvenile court services who is a member of
13 a multidisciplinary threat assessment team may share records or
14 information among the other members of the team if the records
15 or information are reasonably necessary to ensure the safety
16 of students or others, and if the records are not sealed by
17 a court order. The bill requires a court to disclose to a
18 multidisciplinary threat assessment team a record upon request
19 if the record is reasonably necessary to ensure the safety of
20 students or others, and if the record is not sealed by a court
21 order.