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BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 692)

(As Amended and Passed by the House March 13, 2024)

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, or other innovative
7 technology, that meets all of the 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 capable of integrating with local public safety
12 answering point technology.
 - 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 e. Is designated by the secretary of homeland security as
18 qualified anti-terrorism technology under 6 U.S.C. §441 et seq.
- 19 2. The department of homeland security and emergency
20 management shall provide grants under the firearm detection
21 software grant program to school districts with varying
22 amounts of total enrollment. When providing grants under this
23 section, the department of homeland security and emergency
24 management shall consider the needs of each applicant school
25 district and any firearm detection software or other innovative
26 technology that is currently in operation at the applicant
27 school district.
- 28 3. The department of homeland security and emergency
29 management shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to
30 administer this section, including rules relating to grant
31 application materials and award criteria.
- 32 4. Moneys awarded under this section shall be used to
33 supplement, not supplant, existing public funding used by
34 school districts for similar purposes.
- 35 5. a. Each school district that receives a grant pursuant

1 to this section shall, in coordination with the department of
2 homeland security and emergency management and the department
3 of public safety's school safety bureau, evaluate the
4 effectiveness of the software purchased with moneys awarded
5 under this section in protecting students, school personnel,
6 and the public.

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

12 c. Each school district that receives a grant pursuant
13 to this section shall submit a final evaluation of the
14 effectiveness of the software purchased with moneys awarded
15 under this section to the general assembly and the department
16 of homeland security and emergency management on or before
17 December 15, 2025. The department of homeland security may
18 require school districts that receive a grant pursuant to
19 this section to include specific information within the final
20 evaluation.

21 6. a. There is appropriated from the 911 emergency
22 communications fund established pursuant to section 34A.7A to
23 the department of homeland security and emergency management
24 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30,
25 2024, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary,
26 to be used for the purposes designated:

27 For purposes of the firearm detection software grant program
28 established pursuant to subsection 1, if enacted:
29 \$ 3,000,000

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

35 Sec. 6. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF

1 EDUCATION, AND DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY
2 MANAGEMENT — SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE
3 STANDARDS — TASK FORCE.

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

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

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

17 (2) A representative of the department of homeland security
18 and emergency management.

19 (3) A representative of the department of public safety's
20 school safety bureau.

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

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

25 (6) A superintendent of a school district located in this
26 state that has a total enrollment of less than one thousand
27 students.

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

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

32 (9) Two members of the boards of directors of school
33 districts located in this state; provided, however, that such
34 members shall not be members of the boards of directors of
35 a school district that employs the superintendents appointed

1 pursuant to subparagraph (5) or (6).

2 (10) One representative of an association located in
3 this state that represents members that perform commercial,
4 industrial, and public works building projects, and
5 that provides such members with a comprehensive array of
6 educational, safety, environmental, labor, legal, professional
7 development, and legislative services.

8 (11) The state building code commissioner or a member of
9 the state building code advisory council, if designated by the
10 state building code commissioner.

11 b. The department of education may appoint not more than
12 four members to the task force, if the department of education
13 determines that the appointment of such member or members will
14 be beneficial to the study and recommendations the task force
15 is required to complete.

16 3. Any expenses incurred by a member of the task force
17 shall be the responsibility of the individual member or the
18 respective entity represented by the member.

19 4. The task force shall submit its findings and
20 recommendations to the general assembly on or before December
21 31, 2024. The findings and recommendations shall include a
22 proposal for modifications to the state building code that
23 are applicable to the construction of new attendance centers
24 and the renovation of existing attendance centers and that
25 incorporate standards designed to increase the safety of
26 schools and school infrastructure.

27 Sec. 7. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY
28 MANAGEMENT — SCHOOL SECURITY PERSONNEL — GRANTS FOR
29 INFRASTRUCTURE, EQUIPMENT, AND TRAINING.

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

1 (1) Purchase infrastructure and equipment related to
2 employee permits to carry weapons issued under section 724.6,
3 subsection 1, paragraph "a", subparagraph (3), if enacted in
4 2024 Iowa Acts, House File 2586, or successor legislation.

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

9 (3) Provide stipends to employees who participate in the
10 training associated with employee permits to carry weapons
11 issued under section 724.6, subsection 1, paragraph "a",
12 subparagraph (3), if enacted in 2024 Iowa Acts, House File
13 2586, or successor legislation.

14 b. The department of homeland security and emergency
15 management shall adopt rules to implement the grant program
16 described in paragraph "a". The rules adopted by the
17 department of homeland security and emergency management shall
18 establish an application process for school districts and
19 shall define "infrastructure", "equipment", and "training" for
20 purposes of the grant program.

21 c. The department of homeland security and emergency
22 management shall not award a school district with more than
23 twenty-five thousand dollars in grant funding under this
24 subsection.

25 2. If 2024 Iowa Acts, House File 2586, or successor
26 legislation, is enacted, there is established within the state
27 treasury a school security personnel grant program fund. The
28 fund shall be administered by the department of homeland
29 security and emergency management and shall consist of moneys
30 appropriated by the general assembly and other moneys received
31 by the department of homeland security and emergency management
32 for deposit in the fund.

33 Sec. 8. EMERGENCY RULES. The department of homeland
34 security and emergency management may adopt emergency
35 rules under section 17A.4, subsection 3, and section 17A.5,

1 subsection 2, paragraph "b", to implement the provisions of
2 this Act establishing the firearm detection software grant
3 program, and the rules shall be effective immediately upon
4 filing unless a later date is specified in the rules. Any
5 rules adopted in accordance with this section shall also be
6 published as a notice of intended action as provided in section
7 17A.4.

8 Sec. 9. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance
9 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring
10 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall
11 be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid
12 received by the school district under section 257.16. This
13 specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed
14 to meet all of the state funding-related requirements of
15 section 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state funding
16 shall be necessary for the full implementation of this Act
17 by and enforcement of this Act against all affected school
18 districts.

19 Sec. 10. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
20 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

21 Sec. 11. APPLICABILITY. The following applies to school
22 bonds authorized by voters at an election held after July 1,
23 2024, and projects approved by the board of directors of a
24 school district after July 1, 2024:

25 The section of this Act enacting section 279.85.