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**Raised Bill No. 1110**

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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:  
(ED)

**AN ACT CONCERNING SECURITY ASSISTANCE FOR EDUCATION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the fiscal year ending June  
2 30, 2007, the Department of Education shall administer, within  
3 available appropriations, a School Security Assessments Competitive  
4 Grant Program to reimburse towns for certain expenses associated  
5 with assessments or audits of security for the entrances of the schools  
6 under the jurisdiction of the town's school district. The Commissioner  
7 of Education shall determine which expenses are eligible for  
8 reimbursement under the program. Each local and regional board of  
9 education may, on behalf of its town or its member towns, apply to the  
10 department for a grant at such time and in such manner as the  
11 commissioner prescribes.

12 (b) A town may receive a grant equal to a percentage of its eligible  
13 expenses. The percentage shall be determined as follows: (1) Each  
14 town shall be ranked in descending order from one to one hundred  
15 sixty-nine according to town wealth, as defined in subdivision (26) of  
16 section 10-262f of the general statutes, (2) based upon such ranking, a  
17 percentage of not less than six nor more than eighty shall be assigned

18 to each town on a continuous scale, and (3) the town ranked first shall  
19 be assigned a percentage of six and the town ranked last shall be  
20 assigned a percentage of eighty. If there are not sufficient funds to  
21 provide grants to all towns based on the percentage determined  
22 pursuant to this subsection, the commissioner shall prioritize grants to  
23 applicants on behalf of schools with no existing security infrastructure  
24 and applicants on behalf of schools located in priority school districts  
25 pursuant to section 10-266p of the general statutes and subsequently to  
26 those with the greatest need for security infrastructure, as determined  
27 by the commissioner based on an assessment of an applicant's existing  
28 security infrastructure and needs. To be eligible for reimbursement  
29 pursuant to this section, an applicant board of education shall  
30 demonstrate that it has developed and periodically practices an  
31 emergency plan at the schools under its jurisdiction and that such plan  
32 has been developed in concert with applicable state or local first-  
33 responders.

34 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the fiscal year ending  
35 June 30, 2007, and each fiscal year thereafter, the Department of  
36 Education shall administer, within available bond authorizations, a  
37 Security Infrastructure Grant Program to reimburse towns for certain  
38 expenses incurred on or after July 1, 2006, in association with the plans,  
39 design, purchase or installation of security infrastructure, such as  
40 surveillance cameras, entry door buzzer systems, scan cards, panic  
41 alarms or other systems in primary entryways to improve security at  
42 the schools under the jurisdiction of the town's school district. The  
43 Commissioner of Education shall determine which expenses are  
44 eligible for reimbursement under the program. Each local and regional  
45 board of education may, on behalf of its town or its member towns,  
46 apply to the department for a grant at such time and in such manner as  
47 the commissioner prescribes provided such expenses are not otherwise  
48 eligible for reimbursement under section 10-283 of the general statutes.

49 (b) A town may receive a grant equal to a percentage of its eligible  
50 expenses. The percentage shall be determined as follows: (1) Each

51 town shall be ranked in descending order from one to one hundred  
52 sixty-nine according to town wealth, as defined in subdivision (26) of  
53 section 10-262f of the general statutes, (2) based upon such ranking, a  
54 percentage of not less than six nor more than eighty shall be assigned  
55 to each town on a continuous scale, and (3) the town ranked first shall  
56 be assigned a percentage of six and the town ranked last shall be  
57 assigned a percentage of eighty. If there are not sufficient funds to  
58 provide grants to all towns based on the percentage determined  
59 pursuant to this subsection, the commissioner shall prioritize grants to  
60 applicants on behalf of schools with no existing security infrastructure  
61 and applicants on behalf of schools located in priority school districts  
62 pursuant to section 10-266p of the general statutes and subsequently to  
63 the applicants with the greatest need for security infrastructure, as  
64 determined by the commissioner based on an assessment of an  
65 applicant's existing security infrastructure and needs. To be eligible for  
66 reimbursement pursuant to this section, an applicant board of  
67 education shall demonstrate that it has developed and periodically  
68 practices an emergency plan at the schools under its jurisdiction and  
69 that such plan has been developed in concert with applicable state or  
70 local first-responders.

71       Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the fiscal year ending June 30,  
72 2007, the Department of Education shall administer, within available  
73 appropriations, a Security Training and Equipment Grant Program to  
74 reimburse towns for certain expenses associated with (1) training of  
75 school personnel in the operation and maintenance of school entryway  
76 security infrastructure, or (2) if deemed appropriate by the grant  
77 recipient, for the purchase of portable entryway security devices,  
78 including, but not limited to, metal detector wands, screening  
79 machines and related training for the use by schools under the  
80 jurisdiction of the town's school district. The Commissioner of  
81 Education shall determine which expenses are eligible for  
82 reimbursement under the program. Each local and regional board of  
83 education may apply, on behalf of its town or its member towns, for a  
84 grant from the department at such time and in such manner as the

85 commissioner prescribes.

86 (b) A town may receive a grant equal to a percentage of its eligible  
87 expenses. The percentage shall be determined as follows: (1) Each  
88 town shall be ranked in descending order from one to one hundred  
89 sixty-nine according to town wealth, as defined in subdivision (26) of  
90 section 10-262f of the general statutes, (2) based upon such ranking, a  
91 percentage of not less than six nor more than eighty shall be assigned  
92 to each town on a continuous scale, and (3) the town ranked first shall  
93 be assigned a percentage of six and the town ranked last shall be  
94 assigned a percentage of eighty. If there are not sufficient funds to  
95 provide grants to all towns based on the percentage determined  
96 pursuant to this subsection, the commissioner shall give first priority  
97 to applicants awarded Security Infrastructure Grant funding pursuant  
98 to section 2 of this act and who are seeking funding for related training  
99 pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section and second  
100 priority to applicants with the greatest need for portable security  
101 devices and related training as determined by the commissioner based  
102 on an assessment of an applicant's existing security infrastructure and  
103 needs and who are seeking funding for portable security devices  
104 pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section. To be  
105 eligible for reimbursement pursuant to this section, an applicant board  
106 of education shall demonstrate that it has developed and periodically  
107 practices an emergency plan at the schools under its jurisdiction and  
108 that such plan has been developed in concert with applicable state or  
109 local first-responders.

110 Sec. 4. Subsection (b) of section 10-291 of the general statutes is  
111 amended by adding subdivision (5) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

112 (NEW) (5) In the case of a new construction, or extension,  
113 renovation or replacement involving a school entrance, the plans do  
114 not provide for a security infrastructure.

115 Sec. 5. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) For the purposes described in  
116 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have

117 the power, from time to time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the  
118 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in  
119 the aggregate ten million dollars.

120 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the  
121 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the  
122 Department of Education for the purpose of administering the Security  
123 Training and Equipment Grant Program pursuant to section 3 of this  
124 act.

125 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the  
126 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not  
127 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and  
128 shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission  
129 pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the  
130 money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized  
131 may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to  
132 time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not  
133 exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided  
134 in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond  
135 Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be  
136 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that  
137 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization which is  
138 signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
139 Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission,  
140 in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this  
141 section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and  
142 credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the  
143 principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and  
144 accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of  
145 said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual  
146 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State  
147 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become  
148 due.

149       Sec. 6. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of one million dollars is  
150       appropriated to the Department of Education, from the General Fund,  
151       for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, for the purpose of carrying out  
152       section 1 of this act.

153       Sec. 7. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of four million dollars is  
154       appropriated to the Department of Education, from the General Fund,  
155       for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, for the purpose of carrying out  
156       section 3 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	10-291(b)
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To provide for a safe learning environment for children in schools.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*