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(As Amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A")

"AN ACT CONCERNING SECURITY ASSESSMENTS AND ASSISTANCE FOR SCHOOLS."

1 Strike section 501 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu
2 thereof:

3 "Sec. 501. (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the fiscal year ending June
4 30, 2008, the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland
5 Security shall administer, within available appropriations, a school
6 security competitive grant program to reimburse towns for certain
7 expenses for schools under the jurisdiction of the town's school district
8 incurred on or after the effective date of this section for: (1) The
9 development or improvement of the security infrastructure of schools
10 based on the results of assessments of security for the entrances of the
11 schools pursuant to subsection (b) of this section including, but not
12 limited to, the installation of surveillance cameras, entry door buzzer
13 systems, scan cardsystems, panic alarms or other systems; and (2) (A)

14 the training of school personnel in the operation and maintenance of
15 the security infrastructure of school entrances, or (B) the purchase of
16 portable entrance security devices, including, but not limited to, metal
17 detector wands, screening machines and related training. The
18 Commissioner of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, in
19 consultation with the Commissioner of Public Safety, shall determine
20 which expenses are eligible for reimbursement under the program.
21 Each local and regional board of education may, on behalf of its town
22 or its member towns, apply to the Department of Emergency
23 Management and Homeland Security for a grant at such time and in
24 such manner as the Commissioner of Emergency Management and
25 Homeland Security prescribes.

26 (b) A town may receive a grant equal to a percentage of its eligible
27 expenses. The percentage shall be determined as follows: (1) Each
28 town shall be ranked in descending order from one to one hundred
29 sixty-nine according to town wealth, as defined in subdivision (26) of
30 section 10-262f of the general statutes, (2) based upon such ranking, a
31 percentage of not less than twenty or more than eighty shall be
32 assigned to each town on a continuous scale, and (3) the town ranked
33 first shall be assigned a percentage of twenty and the town ranked last
34 shall be assigned a percentage of eighty. If there are not sufficient
35 funds to provide grants to all towns based on the percentage
36 determined pursuant to this subsection, the Commissioner of
37 Emergency Management and Homeland Security, in consultation with
38 the Commissioner of Public Safety, shall give priority to applicants on
39 behalf of schools with the greatest need for security infrastructure, as
40 determined by said commissioners based on assessments of security
41 for the entrances of the schools under the jurisdiction of the town's
42 school district conducted pursuant to this subsection. Of the applicants
43 on behalf of such schools with the greatest need for security
44 infrastructure, said commissioners shall give first priority to applicants
45 on behalf of schools that have no security infrastructure for entrances
46 at the time of such assessment and succeeding priority to applicants on
47 behalf of schools located in priority school districts pursuant to section

48 10-266p of the general statutes. To be eligible for reimbursement
49 pursuant to this section, an applicant board of education shall (A)
50 demonstrate that it has developed and periodically practices an
51 emergency plan at the schools under its jurisdiction and that such plan
52 has been developed in concert with applicable state or local first-
53 responders, and (B) provide for a uniform assessment of the entrances
54 of the schools under its jurisdiction, including any security
55 infrastructure, using the National Clearinghouse for Educational
56 Facilities' Safe Schools Facilities Check List. The assessment shall be
57 conducted under the supervision of the local law enforcement agency.
58 The Commissioner of Education shall enter into a memorandum of
59 understanding with the Commissioner of Emergency Management
60 and Homeland Security to transfer any funds appropriated to the
61 Department of Education for grants under this section to the
62 Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security for
63 the purpose of such grants. The Department of Emergency
64 Management and Homeland Security may retain up to one and five-
65 tenths per cent of the amount appropriated for such grants for
66 administration of the program pursuant to this section."