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The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through SEN. LARSON of the 3rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT EXTENDING THE SCHOOL SECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM.

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

1 Section 1. Section 84 of public act 13-3, as amended by section 15 of
2 public act 13-122, section 191 of public act 13-247, section 73 of public
3 act 14-98 and section 1 of public act 15-5, is repealed and the following
4 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 (a) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2013, to June 30, [2016] 2017,
6 inclusive, the Departments of Emergency Services and Public
7 Protection, Administrative Services and Education shall jointly
8 administer a school security infrastructure competitive grant program
9 to reimburse a town, regional educational service center, the governing
10 authority for a state charter school, the Department of Education on
11 behalf of the technical high school system, an incorporated or
12 endowed high school or academy approved by the State Board of
13 Education pursuant to section 10-34 of the general statutes and the
14 supervisory agent for a nonpublic school for certain expenses for

15 schools incurred on or after January 1, 2013, for: (1) The development
16 or improvement of the security infrastructure of schools, based on the
17 results of school building security assessments pursuant to subsection
18 (d) of this section, including, but not limited to, the installation of
19 surveillance cameras, penetration resistant vestibules, ballistic glass,
20 solid core doors, double door access, computer-controlled electronic
21 locks, entry door buzzer systems, scan card systems, panic alarms, real
22 time interoperable communications and multimedia sharing
23 infrastructure or other systems; and (2) (A) the training of school
24 personnel in the operation and maintenance of the security
25 infrastructure of school buildings, or (B) the purchase of portable
26 entrance security devices, including, but not limited to, metal detector
27 wands and screening machines and related training.

28 (b) (1) On and after [the effective date of this section] April 4, 2013,
29 each local and regional board of education may, on behalf of its town
30 or its member towns, apply, at such time and in such manner as the
31 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection prescribes,
32 to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for a
33 grant for certain expenses for schools under the jurisdiction of such
34 board of education incurred on or after January 1, 2013, for the
35 purposes described in subsection (a) of this section. Prior to the date
36 that the School Safety Infrastructure Council makes its initial
37 submission of the school safety infrastructure standards, pursuant to
38 subsection (c) of section 10-292r of the general statutes, the
39 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, in
40 consultation with the Commissioners of Administrative Services and
41 Education, shall determine which expenses are eligible for
42 reimbursement under the program. On and after the date that the
43 School Safety Infrastructure Council submits the school safety
44 infrastructure standards, the decision to approve or deny an
45 application and the determination of which expenses are eligible for
46 reimbursement under the program shall be in accordance with the
47 most recent submission of the school safety infrastructure standards,
48 pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-292r of the general statutes.

49 (2) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, [and] June 30, 2016, and
50 June 30, 2017, a regional educational service center may apply, at such
51 time and in such manner as the Commissioner of Emergency Services
52 and Public Protection prescribes, to the Department of Emergency
53 Services and Public Protection for a grant for certain expenses for
54 schools under the jurisdiction of such regional educational service
55 center incurred on or after January 1, 2013, for the purposes described
56 in subsection (a) of this section. The department shall decide whether
57 to approve or deny an application and which expenses are eligible for
58 reimbursement under the program. Such decisions shall be in
59 accordance with the school safety infrastructure standards developed
60 pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-292r of the general statutes.

61 (3) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, [and] June 30, 2016, and
62 June 30, 2017, the governing authority for a state charter school may
63 apply, at such time and in such manner as the Commissioner of
64 Emergency Services and Public Protection prescribes, to the
65 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for a grant
66 for certain expenses for schools under the jurisdiction of such
67 governing authority incurred on or after January 1, 2013, for the
68 purposes described in subsection (a) of this section. The department
69 shall decide whether to approve or deny an application and which
70 expenses are eligible for reimbursement under the program. Such
71 decisions shall be in accordance with the school safety infrastructure
72 standards developed pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-292r of
73 the general statutes.

74 (4) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, [and] June 30, 2016, and
75 June 30, 2017, the superintendent of the technical high school system
76 may apply, at such time and in such manner as the Commissioner of
77 Emergency Services and Public Protection prescribes, to the
78 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for a grant
79 for certain expenses for schools in the technical high school system
80 incurred on or after January 1, 2013, for the purposes described in
81 subsection (a) of this section. The department shall decide whether to
82 approve or deny an application and which expenses are eligible for

83 reimbursement under the program. Such decisions shall be in
84 accordance with the school safety infrastructure standards developed
85 pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-292r of the general statutes.

86 (5) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, [and] June 30, 2016, and
87 June 30, 2017, an incorporated or endowed high school or academy
88 may apply, at such time and in such manner as the Commissioner of
89 Emergency Services and Public Protection prescribes, to the
90 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for a grant
91 for certain expenses incurred on or after January 1, 2013, for the
92 purposes described in subsection (a) of this section. The department
93 shall decide whether to approve or deny an application and which
94 expenses are eligible for reimbursement under the program. Such
95 decisions shall be in accordance with the school safety infrastructure
96 standards developed pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-292r of
97 the general statutes.

98 (6) (A) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, [and] June 30, 2016,
99 and June 30, 2017, the supervisory agent for a nonpublic school may
100 apply, at such time and in such manner as the Commissioner of
101 Emergency Services and Public Protection prescribes, to the
102 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for a grant
103 for certain expenses for schools under the jurisdiction of such
104 supervisory agent incurred on or after January 1, 2013, for the
105 purposes described in subsection (a) of this section. The department
106 shall decide whether to approve or deny an application and which
107 expenses are eligible for reimbursement under the program. Such
108 decisions shall be in accordance with the school safety infrastructure
109 standards developed pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-292r of
110 the general statutes.

111 (B) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, [and] June 30, 2016, and
112 June 30, 2017, ten per cent of the funds available under the program
113 shall be awarded to the supervisory agents of nonpublic schools, in
114 accordance with the provisions of subdivision (6) of subsection (c) of
115 this section.

116 (c) (1) A town may receive a grant equal to a percentage of its
117 eligible expenses. The percentage shall be determined as follows: (A)
118 Each town shall be ranked in descending order from one to one
119 hundred sixty-nine according to town wealth, as defined in
120 subdivision (26) of section 10-262f of the general statutes, (B) based
121 upon such ranking, a percentage of not less than twenty or more than
122 eighty shall be assigned to each town on a continuous scale, and (C)
123 the town ranked first shall be assigned a percentage of twenty and the
124 town ranked last shall be assigned a percentage of eighty.

125 (2) A regional educational service center may receive a grant equal
126 to a percentage of its eligible expenses. The percentage shall be
127 determined by its ranking. Such ranking shall be determined by (A)
128 multiplying the population of each member town in the regional
129 educational service center by such town's ranking, as determined in
130 subsection (a) of section 10-285a of the general statutes; (B) adding
131 together the figures for each town determined under subparagraph (A)
132 of this subdivision; and (C) dividing the total computed under
133 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision by the total population of all
134 member towns in the regional educational service center. The ranking
135 of each regional educational service center shall be rounded to the next
136 higher whole number and each such center shall receive the same
137 reimbursement percentage as would a town with the same rank.

138 (3) The governing authority for a state charter school may receive a
139 grant equal to a percentage of its eligible expenses that is the same as
140 the town in which such state charter school is located, as calculated
141 pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection.

142 (4) The Department of Education, on behalf of the technical high
143 school system, may receive a grant equal to one hundred per cent of its
144 eligible expenses.

145 (5) An incorporated or endowed high school or academy may
146 receive a grant equal to a percentage of its eligible expenses. The
147 percentage shall be determined by its ranking. Such ranking shall be
148 determined by (A) multiplying the total population, as defined in

149 section 10-261 of the general statutes, of each town which at the time of
150 application for such school security infrastructure competitive grant
151 has designated such school as the high school for such town for a
152 period of not less than five years from the date of such application, by
153 such town's percentile ranking, as determined in subsection (a) of
154 section 10-285a of the general statutes, (B) adding together the figures
155 for each town determined under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision,
156 and (C) dividing the total computed under subparagraph (B) of this
157 subdivision by the total population of all towns which designate the
158 school as their high school under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision.
159 The ranking determined pursuant to this subsection shall be rounded
160 to the next higher whole number. Such incorporated or endowed high
161 school or academy shall receive the reimbursement percentage of a
162 town with the same rank.

163 (6) The supervisory agent for a nonpublic school may receive a
164 grant equal to fifty per cent of its eligible expenses.

165 (d) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, if there are not
166 sufficient funds to provide grants to all towns, based on the percentage
167 determined pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, the
168 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, in
169 consultation with the Commissioners of Administrative Services and
170 Education, shall give priority to applicants on behalf of schools with
171 the greatest need for security infrastructure, as determined by said
172 commissioners based on school building security assessments of the
173 schools under the jurisdiction of the town's school district conducted
174 pursuant to this subdivision. Of the applicants on behalf of such
175 schools with the greatest need for security infrastructure, said
176 commissioners shall give first priority to applicants on behalf of
177 schools that have no security infrastructure at the time of such school
178 building security assessment and succeeding priority to applicants on
179 behalf of schools located in priority school districts pursuant to section
180 10-266p of the general statutes. To be eligible for reimbursement
181 pursuant to this section, an applicant board of education shall (A)
182 demonstrate that it has developed and periodically practices an

183 emergency plan at the schools under its jurisdiction and that such plan
184 has been developed in concert with applicable state or local first-
185 responders, and (B) provide for a uniform assessment of the schools
186 under its jurisdiction, including any security infrastructure, using the
187 National Clearinghouse for Educational Facilities' Safe Schools
188 Facilities Checklist. The assessment shall be conducted under the
189 supervision of the local law enforcement agency.

190 (2) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, [and] June 30, 2016, and
191 June 30, 2017, if there are not sufficient funds to provide grants to all
192 applicants that are towns, regional educational service centers,
193 governing authorities for state charter schools, the Department of
194 Education, on behalf of the technical high school system, and
195 incorporated or endowed high schools or academies based on the
196 percentage determined pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, the
197 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, in
198 consultation with the Commissioners of Administrative Services and
199 Education, shall give priority to applicants on behalf of schools with
200 the greatest need for security infrastructure, as determined by said
201 commissioners based on school building security assessments of the
202 schools under the jurisdiction of the applicant conducted pursuant to
203 this subdivision. Of the applicants on behalf of such schools with the
204 greatest need for security infrastructure, said commissioners shall give
205 first priority to applicants on behalf of schools that have no security
206 infrastructure at the time of such school building security assessment
207 and succeeding priority to applicants on behalf of schools located in
208 priority school districts pursuant to section 10-266p of the general
209 statutes. To be eligible for reimbursement pursuant to this section, an
210 applicant shall (A) demonstrate that it has developed and periodically
211 practices an emergency plan at the schools under its jurisdiction and
212 that such plan has been developed in concert with applicable state or
213 local first-responders, and (B) provide for a uniform assessment of the
214 schools under its jurisdiction, including any security infrastructure,
215 using the National Clearinghouse for Educational Facilities' Safe
216 Schools Facilities Checklist. The assessment shall be conducted under
217 the supervision of the local law enforcement agency.

218 (3) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, [and] June 30, 2016, and
 219 June 30, 2017, if there are not sufficient funds to provide grants to all
 220 applicant supervisory agents for nonpublic schools, based on the
 221 percentages described in subsection (c) of this section, the
 222 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, in
 223 consultation with the Commissioners of Administrative Services and
 224 Education, shall give priority to applicants on behalf of schools with
 225 the greatest need for security infrastructure, as determined by said
 226 commissioners. Of the applicants on behalf of such schools with the
 227 greatest need for security infrastructure, said commissioners shall give
 228 first priority to applicants on behalf of schools that have no security
 229 infrastructure at the time of application. To be eligible for
 230 reimbursement pursuant to this section, an applicant supervisory
 231 agent for a nonpublic school shall (A) demonstrate that it has
 232 developed and periodically practices an emergency plan at the school
 233 under its jurisdiction and that such plan has been developed in concert
 234 with applicable state or local first-responders, and (B) provide for a
 235 uniform assessment of the schools under its jurisdiction, including any
 236 security infrastructure, using the National Clearinghouse for
 237 Educational Facilities' Safe Schools Facilities Checklist. The assessment
 238 shall be conducted under the supervision of the local law enforcement
 239 agency.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	PA 13-3, Sec. 84

PS *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill, which extends the end date of the school security infrastructure competitive grant program to June 30, 2017, has no fiscal impact as it does not provide additional funding for the program.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 236****AN ACT EXTENDING THE SCHOOL SECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM.****SUMMARY:**

This bill extends the sunset date for the school security infrastructure grant program by one year, from June 30, 2016 to June 30, 2017. The program provides grants to develop or improve security infrastructure in schools, based on the results of school building security assessments conducted under the supervision of local law enforcement agencies. (PA 13-3 extended the sunset date from June 30, 2015 to June 30, 2016.)

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***School Security Infrastructure Grant Program***

PA 13-3 established this competitive state grant program to improve security infrastructure in schools. The program reimburses towns, state charter schools, technical high schools, incorporated or endowed high schools or academies, private schools, and regional education service centers for certain expenses incurred on or after January 1, 2013 for (1) developing or improving security infrastructure; (2) training personnel to operate and maintain the security infrastructure; and (3) buying portable entrance security devices, such as metal detectors.

Eligible infrastructure includes the installation of surveillance cameras, penetration-resistant vestibules, ballistic glass, solid core doors, double-door access, computer-controlled electronic locks, entry door buzzer systems, scan card systems, panic alarms, or other systems.

The program is jointly administered by the departments of Administrative Services, Education, and Emergency Services and Public Protection.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 25 Nay 0 (03/10/2016)