



Substitute House Bill No. 7291

Public Act No. 19-52

AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL SECURITY.

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

Section 1. Section 10-222n of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) Not later than January 1, 2014, the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, in consultation with the Department of Education, shall develop school security and safety plan standards. Not later than January 1, 2020, and every three years thereafter, the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, in consultation with the Department of Education, shall reevaluate and update the school security and safety plan standards. The school security and safety plan standards shall be an all-hazards approach to emergencies at public schools and shall include, but not be limited to, (1) involvement of local officials, including the chief executive officer of the municipality, the superintendent of schools, law enforcement, fire, public health, emergency management and emergency medical services, in the development of school security and safety plans, (2) a command center organization structure based on the federal National Incident Management System and a description of the responsibilities of such command center organization, (3) a requirement that a school security and safety committee be established at each school, in

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accordance with the provisions of section 10-222m, (4) crisis management procedures, (5) a requirement that local law enforcement and other local public safety officials evaluate, score and provide feedback on fire drills and crisis response drills, conducted pursuant to section 10-231, (6) a requirement that local and regional boards of education annually submit reports to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection regarding such fire drills and crisis response drills, (7) procedures for managing various types of emergencies, (8) a requirement that each local and regional board of education conduct a security and vulnerability assessment for each school under the jurisdiction of such board every two years and develop a school security and safety plan for each such school, in accordance with the provisions of section 10-222m, based on the results of such assessment, (9) a requirement that the safe school climate committee for each school, established pursuant to section 10-222k, collect and evaluate information relating to instances of disturbing or threatening behavior that may not meet the definition of bullying, as defined in section 10-222d, and report such information, as necessary, to the district safe school climate coordinator, described in section 10-222k, and the school security and safety committee for the school, established pursuant to section 10-222m, and (10) a requirement that the school security and safety plan for each school provide an orientation on such school security and safety plan to each school employee, as defined in section 10-222d, at such school and provide violence prevention training in a manner prescribed in such school security and safety plan. The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall make such standards available to local officials, including local and regional boards of education, and the Department of Education shall distribute such standards to all public schools within the state.

(b) Not later than January 1, 2014, and annually thereafter, the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall submit

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the school security and safety plan standards and any recommendations for legislation regarding such standards to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety and education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a.

Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall evaluate and seek methods to simplify the documentation required from local and regional boards of education to comply with the reporting requirements of section 10-222m of the general statutes and subdivision (6) of subsection (a) of section 10-222n of the general statutes, as amended by this act. Not later than January 1, 2020, the department shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety, identifying the essential components and documentation required for such reports and indicating how the department will simplify the required documentation. The department shall implement new requirements for documentation for reports, pursuant to the department's findings, not later than July 1, 2020.

(b) The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection and the School Safety Infrastructure Council, established under section 10-292r of the general statutes, shall evaluate and seek methods to simplify the documentation required of applicants for the school security infrastructure competitive grant program. Not later than January 1, 2020, the department and council shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety, identifying the essential components and documentation required for such applications and indicating how the department will simplify the required

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documentation. The department and council shall implement new requirements for documentation for applications, pursuant to the department's and council's findings, not later than July 1, 2020.

Sec. 3. Section 29-452 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall develop criteria to identify qualified school security consultants operating in this state. The department shall establish and maintain a registry of [school security consultants operating in the state] such consultants. The registry shall contain the names and employers of qualified school security consultants and such other information as the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection may require. Such registry shall be updated at least annually by the department, be made available to the public upon request and be published on the department's Internet web site.

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