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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL SECURITY.

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

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 Section 10-222n of the general statutes is repealed and the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

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

18 of such command center organization, (3) a requirement that a school
19 security and safety committee be established at each school, in
20 accordance with the provisions of section 10-222m, (4) crisis
21 management procedures, (5) a requirement that local law enforcement
22 and other local public safety officials evaluate, score and provide
23 feedback on fire drills and crisis response drills, conducted pursuant to
24 section 10-231, (6) a requirement that local and regional boards of
25 education annually submit reports to the Department of Emergency
26 Services and Public Protection regarding such fire drills and crisis
27 response drills, (7) procedures for managing various types of
28 emergencies, (8) a requirement that each local and regional board of
29 education conduct a security and vulnerability assessment for each
30 school under the jurisdiction of such board every two years and
31 develop a school security and safety plan for each such school, in
32 accordance with the provisions of section 10-222m, based on the results
33 of such assessment, (9) a requirement that the safe school climate
34 committee for each school, established pursuant to section 10-222k,
35 collect and evaluate information relating to instances of disturbing or
36 threatening behavior that may not meet the definition of bullying, as
37 defined in section 10-222d, and report such information, as necessary,
38 to the district safe school climate coordinator, described in section 10-
39 222k, and the school security and safety committee for the school,
40 established pursuant to section 10-222m, and (10) a requirement that
41 the school security and safety plan for each school provide an
42 orientation on such school security and safety plan to each school
43 employee, as defined in section 10-222d, at such school and provide
44 violence prevention training in a manner prescribed in such school
45 security and safety plan. The Department of Emergency Services and
46 Public Protection shall make such standards available to local officials,
47 including local and regional boards of education, and the Department
48 of Education shall distribute such standards to all public schools
49 within the state.

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

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

57 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Department of Emergency
58 Services and Public Protection shall evaluate and seek methods to
59 simplify the documentation required from local and regional boards of
60 education to comply with the reporting requirements of section 10-
61 244m of the general statutes and subdivision (6) of subsection (a) of
62 section 10-222n of the general statutes, as amended by this act. Not
63 later than January 1, 2020, the department shall submit a report, in
64 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
65 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
66 cognizance of matters relating to public safety, identifying the essential
67 components and documentation required for such reports and
68 indicating how the department will simplify the required
69 documentation. The department shall implement new requirements
70 for documentation for reports, pursuant to the department's findings,
71 not later than July 1, 2020.

72 (b) The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
73 and the School Safety Infrastructure Council, established under section
74 10-292r of the general statutes, shall evaluate and seek methods to
75 simplify the documentation required of applicants for the school
76 security infrastructure competitive grant program. Not later than
77 January 1, 2020, the department and council shall submit a report, in
78 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
79 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
80 cognizance of matters relating to public safety, identifying the essential
81 components and documentation required for such applications and
82 indicating how the department will simplify the required
83 documentation. The department and council shall implement new
84 requirements for documentation for reports, pursuant to the
85 department's and council's findings, not later than July 1, 2020.

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

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	10-222n
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	29-452

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) require the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to update school security and safety plan standards, (2) require the department to report on and implement simplified documentation requirements for reporting by local and regional boards of education on school security and safety plans and drills, (3) require the department and the School Safety Infrastructure Council to report on and implement simplified documentation requirements for school security infrastructure grants, and (4) require the department to develop criteria to identify qualified school security consultants.

[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.]