

SENATE BILL 1265

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By: **Senators Klausmeier, Miller, and Waugh**

Constitutional Requirements Complied with for Introduction in the last 35 Days of Session

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – School Safety Protection Standards and Grant Program –**
3 **Established**
4 **(School Safety Act of 2018: Protection)**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring each public school in the State, beginning with a certain
6 school year, to meet certain safety requirements; requiring the State Department of
7 Education, in collaboration with the Maryland Center for School Safety, to adopt
8 certain school safety facility requirements for all public schools on or before a certain
9 date; requiring each county board, on or before a certain date, to submit a certain
10 report to the Department, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, and the
11 House Appropriations Committee; requiring each public school to complete an active
12 threat drill during a certain period of time beginning in a certain school year;
13 requiring all faculty, students, staff, and the local law enforcement agency to
14 participate in the school's active threat drill; establishing the School Safety Grant
15 Program; establishing the purpose of the Program; requiring the Interagency
16 Committee on School Construction to implement and administer the Program;
17 requiring the Interagency Committee to provide certain grants under the Program;
18 requiring the Interagency Committee to develop certain application procedures and
19 eligibility requirements for the Program; requiring the Governor to provide a certain
20 amount of money in the State budget for the Program each fiscal year; specifying
21 that funding provided under the Program is supplemental to public school
22 construction funding from other sources; requiring the Interagency Committee to
23 adopt certain procedures; defining certain terms; and generally relating to school
24 safety protection standards.

25 BY adding to
26 Article – Education
27 Section 4–134, 4–135, and 5–314
28 Annotated Code of Maryland
29 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
2 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Article – Education**

4 **4–134.**

5 (A) BEGINNING WITH THE 2020–2021 SCHOOL YEAR, EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL
6 SHALL HAVE:

7 (1) SECURE AND LOCKABLE CLASSROOM DOORS FOR EACH
8 CLASSROOM IN THE SCHOOL;

9 (2) AN AREA OF SAFE REFUGE IN EACH CLASSROOM IN THE SCHOOL;
10 AND

11 (3) SURVEILLANCE AND OTHER SECURITY TECHNOLOGY FOR
12 SCHOOL MONITORING PURPOSES.

13 (B) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2019, THE DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION
14 WITH THE MARYLAND CENTER FOR SCHOOL SAFETY, SHALL ADOPT SCHOOL
15 SAFETY FACILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE STATE.

16 (C) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2019, EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL
17 SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1246 OF
18 THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION
19 COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE THAT INCLUDES:

20 (1) AN ASSESSMENT OF WHETHER EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE
21 COUNTY MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION; AND

22 (2) IF A PUBLIC SCHOOL DOES NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS IN
23 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY BOARD’S PLAN TO MEET THE
24 REQUIREMENTS BY THE 2020–2021 SCHOOL YEAR.

25 **4–135.**

26 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “ACTIVE THREAT DRILL” MEANS TRAINING BASED ON
27 THE ACTIVE SHOOTER PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM DEVELOPED BY THE
28 DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO PREPARE FOR AN ACTIVE SHOOTER
29 INCIDENT.

1 **(B) AN ACTIVE THREAT DRILL SHALL INCLUDE AGE APPROPRIATE**
2 **PROCEDURES FOR:**

3 **(1) SECURING CLASSROOMS;**

4 **(2) BARRICADING CLASSROOMS AND SCHOOL ENTRIES;**

5 **(3) TAKING REFUGE IN THE CLASSROOM; AND**

6 **(4) WHEN APPROPRIATE, ESCAPE FROM THE CLASSROOM OR**
7 **SCHOOL.**

8 **(C) BEGINNING WITH THE 2019–2020 SCHOOL YEAR AND ANNUALLY**
9 **THEREAFTER, EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE STATE SHALL COMPLETE AN ACTIVE**
10 **THREAT DRILL IN THE FIRST FULL WEEK OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.**

11 **(D) ALL FACULTY, STUDENTS, AND STAFF SHALL PARTICIPATE IN A**
12 **SCHOOL’S ACTIVE THREAT DRILL.**

13 **(E) THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHALL PARTICIPATE IN THE**
14 **SCHOOL’S ACTIVE THREAT DRILL.**

15 **5–314.**

16 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “PROGRAM” MEANS THE SCHOOL SAFETY GRANT**
17 **PROGRAM.**

18 **(B) (1) THERE IS A SCHOOL SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM.**

19 **(2) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE GRANTS FOR**
20 **PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION FOR SCHOOLS TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS**
21 **UNDER § 4–134 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

22 **(C) THE PROGRAM SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED AND ADMINISTERED BY THE**
23 **INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH**
24 **THIS SECTION.**

25 **(D) THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION SHALL:**

26 **(1) PROVIDE GRANTS TO COUNTY BOARDS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL**
27 **CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS REQUIRED TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE**
28 **REQUIREMENTS UNDER § 4–134 OF THIS ARTICLE;**

1 **(2) DEVELOP A PROCEDURE FOR A COUNTY BOARD TO APPLY FOR A**
2 **GRANT UNDER THE PROGRAM; AND**

3 **(3) DEVELOP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR A COUNTY BOARD TO**
4 **RECEIVE A GRANT UNDER THE PROGRAM.**

5 **(E) IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL AMOUNT OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THE**
6 **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION**
7 **PROGRAM, THE GOVERNOR ANNUALLY SHALL PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL**
8 **\$10,000,000 IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL**
9 **CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM THAT MAY BE USED ONLY TO AWARD GRANTS UNDER THE**
10 **PROGRAM.**

11 **(F) THE STATE FUNDING PROVIDED UNDER THE PROGRAM IS**
12 **SUPPLEMENTAL TO AND IS NOT INTENDED TO TAKE THE PLACE OF FUNDING THAT**
13 **WOULD OTHERWISE BE APPROPRIATED FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION**
14 **PURPOSES TO A COUNTY BOARD FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE.**

15 **(G) THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE SHALL ADOPT PROCEDURES**
16 **NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.**

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
18 1, 2018.