

SENATE BILL 1077

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By: ~~Senator Corderman~~ Senators Corderman and Hester

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools – Appropriations for School Safety Expenditures –**
3 **School Security Employees**

4 FOR the purpose of ~~increasing certain~~ authorizing increases to certain annual
5 appropriations for certain school safety expenditures beginning in certain fiscal
6 years; ~~altering the allocation of certain funds to be based on student enrollment;~~
7 authorizing local school systems to use certain funds for school security employees;
8 requiring the Maryland Center for School Safety, the State Department of
9 Education, the Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center, and the Interagency
10 Commission on School Construction jointly to review and provide guidance on the
11 state of physical security in schools; and generally relating to appropriations for
12 school safety expenditures and school security employees.

13 BY renumbering

14 Article – Education

15 Section 7–1508(h)

16 to be Section 7–1508(i)

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

20 Article – Education

21 Section 7–1501(k) and 7–1508(e)

22 Annotated Code of Maryland

23 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
2 Article – Education
3 Section 7–1508(g) and 7–1510
4 Annotated Code of Maryland
5 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

6 BY adding to
7 Article – Education
8 Section 7–1508(h)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
12 That Section(s) 7–1508(h) of Article – Education of the Annotated Code of Maryland be
13 renumbered to be Section(s) 7–1508(i).

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read
15 as follows:

16 **Article – Education**

17 7–1501.

18 (k) “School security employee” means an individual, as defined in regulations
19 adopted by the Subcabinet, who:

20 (1) Is not a school resource officer; and

21 (2) Is employed by a local school system to provide safety and
22 security–related services at a public school.

23 7–1508.

24 (e) (1) Before the 2018–2019 school year begins, each local school system shall
25 file a report with the Center identifying:

26 (i) The public high schools in the local school system’s jurisdiction
27 that have a school resource officer assigned to the school; and

28 (ii) If a public high school in the local school system’s jurisdiction is
29 not assigned a school resource officer, the adequate local law enforcement coverage that
30 will be provided to the public high school.

31 (2) Beginning with the 2019–2020 school year, and each school year
32 thereafter, before the school year begins, each local school system shall, in accordance with
33 the plan developed under subsection (d)(2) of this section, file a report identifying:

1 (i) The public schools in the local school system's jurisdiction that
2 have a school resource officer assigned to the school; and

3 (ii) If a public school in the local school system's jurisdiction is not
4 assigned a school resource officer, the adequate local law enforcement coverage that will be
5 provided to the public school.

6 (3) On or before October 1, 2018, and each October 1 thereafter, the Center
7 shall submit a summary of the reports required under this subsection to the Governor and,
8 in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

9 (g) (1) (I) ~~{For} BEGINNING IN~~ fiscal year 2020 and ~~{each fiscal year~~
10 ~~thereafter} ENDING IN FISCAL YEAR 2025~~, the Governor shall include in the annual
11 budget bill an appropriation of \$10,000,000 to the Fund for the purpose of providing grants
12 to local school systems and local law enforcement agencies to assist in meeting the
13 requirements of subsection (e) of this section.

14 (II) **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026, THE GOVERNOR ~~SHALL~~ MAY**
15 **INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF \$15,000,000 TO THE**
16 **FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING GRANTS TO LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS AND**
17 **LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO ASSIST IN MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS**
18 **OF SUBSECTIONS (E) AND (H) OF THIS SECTION.**

19 (III) **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR**
20 **THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR ~~SHALL~~ MAY INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL**
21 **AN APPROPRIATION OF \$20,000,000 TO THE FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF**
22 **PROVIDING GRANTS TO LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT**
23 **AGENCIES TO ASSIST IN MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTIONS (E) AND (H)**
24 **OF THIS SECTION.**

25 (2) Grants provided under this subsection shall be made to each local
26 school system based on the number of ~~{schools} STUDENTS ENROLLED~~ in each school
27 system in proportion to the total number of ~~{public schools} STUDENTS ENROLLED~~ in the
28 State in the prior year.

29 (H) **A LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM MAY USE FUNDS PROVIDED UNDER**
30 **SUBSECTION (G) OF THIS SECTION FOR SCHOOL SECURITY EMPLOYEES.**

31 7-1510.

32 (a) On or before June 15, 2019, and regularly thereafter, each local school system
33 shall conduct a safety evaluation of each public school under the local school system's
34 jurisdiction to:

1 (1) Identify and, if necessary, develop solutions for physical safety
2 concerns, including issues with building security; and

3 (2) Identify and evaluate any patterns of safety concerns on school property
4 or at school-sponsored events.

5 **(b) In performing the safety evaluations, each designated safety coordinator shall:**

6 (1) Consult with the Center for guidance;

7 (2) Coordinate with the Interagency Commission on School Construction's
8 facility assessment process, established under § 5-310 of this article in identifying issues
9 with public school facilities that could impact school safety; and

10 (3) Submit a summary of the completed safety evaluations to the Center.

11 **(c) On or before December 1, 2019, the Department, in consultation with the**
12 Center and local school systems, shall update the Emergency Planning Guidelines for Local
13 School Systems and Schools to accommodate the findings made in the initial safety
14 evaluations under subsection (a) of this section.

15 **(d) On or before August 1, 2020, and regularly thereafter, each local school system**
16 shall update the school emergency plan for each public school in the school system's
17 jurisdiction to:

18 **(1) Include detailed plans for the manner in which each public school will**
19 address:

20 (i) Behavioral threats;

21 (ii) Emergency events; and

22 (iii) Accommodations for students with disabilities in emergency
23 events;

24 (2) Conform with the Emergency Planning Guidelines updated under
25 subsection (c) of this section; and

26 (3) Incorporate any changes required under subsection (f) of this section.

27 **(e) Each local school system shall submit the plans updated under subsection (d)**
28 of this section to the Center for review and comment.

29 **(f) (1) On or before August 1, 2020, and each August 1 thereafter, each local**
30 school system shall submit a report to the Center that includes, for the immediately
31 preceding school year:

1 (i) Aggregate data about threats made against any school or school
2 system facility;

3 (ii) Information about any school lockdowns, evacuations, or other
4 emergency responses that occurred;

5 (iii) Incidents in which a public school's emergency plan failed in part
6 or in whole to function as anticipated in an emergency or an emergency drill; and

7 (iv) School hours spent in an emergency or an emergency drill.

8 (2) Each local school system shall, in consultation with the Center, update
9 each emergency plan to correct weaknesses identified under paragraph (1) of this
10 subsection AND TO IMPLEMENT THE GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION
11 (H) OF THIS SECTION.

12 (g) (1) Each local school system shall promptly inform the Center of any
13 critical, life-threatening incidents that occur on school grounds.

14 (2) (i) After informing the Center under this subsection, a local school
15 system shall host an after-action review and evaluation of lessons learned from the event.

16 (ii) The local school system shall invite the Center, local law
17 enforcement agencies, and emergency responders to participate in the after-action review
18 and evaluation required under this paragraph.

19 (iii) A local school system shall file a report on the after-action review
20 and evaluation with the Center.

21 (3) (i) The Center shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with
22 § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly within 45 days after a
23 local school system has filed a report on the after-action review and evaluation under
24 paragraph (2)(iii) of this subsection.

25 (ii) The Center shall include in the report filed under this paragraph:

26 1. Lessons learned from the life-threatening incident; and

27 2. Any recommendations for improving school safety.

28 (H) (1) **ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2025, AND EVERY 2 YEARS THEREAFTER,**
29 **THE CENTER, THE DEPARTMENT, AND THE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION ON SCHOOL**
30 **CONSTRUCTION, WITH INPUT FROM THE MARYLAND COORDINATION AND ANALYSIS**
31 **CENTER'S MVIEW PROGRAM, JOINTLY SHALL REVIEW THE STATE OF PHYSICAL**
32 **SECURITY IN SCHOOLS AND THE EXISTING GUIDELINES ON SCHOOL SAFETY.**

1 **(2) IN PERFORMING THEIR JOINT REVIEW, THE CENTER, THE**
 2 **DEPARTMENT, AND THE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION ON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION**
 3 **SHALL MAKE USE OF THE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM REPORTS REQUIRED UNDER**
 4 **SUBSECTION (G)(1) AND (2) OF THIS SECTION.**

5 **(3) AFTER CONDUCTING THE JOINT REVIEW, THE CENTER, THE**
 6 **DEPARTMENT, THE MARYLAND COORDINATION AND ANALYSIS CENTER, AND THE**
 7 **INTERAGENCY COMMISSION ON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION JOINTLY SHALL PROVIDE**
 8 **GUIDANCE FOR SCHOOL SECURITY DESIGNATED TO MAXIMIZE SCHOOL SAFETY AND**
 9 **MINIMIZE IMPEDIMENTS TO STUDENTS AND STAFF.**

10 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
 11 1, 2024.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.