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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SCHOOL MAPPING DATA GRANT PROGRAM.

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

1   Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the fiscal year ending
2   June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, the Department of
3   Emergency Services and Public Protection shall, within available
4   appropriations, administer a program to provide grants to local or
5   regional boards of education for services to provide school mapping
6   data that meets the requirements described in subsection (b) of this
7   section.

8   (b) A local or regional board of education may apply for a grant for
9   services to provide school mapping data for one or more schools,
10   provided such school mapping data:

11   (1) Is compatible with software platforms used by local, state and
12   federal public safety agencies that provide emergency services to the
13   specific school for which the data is provided without requiring such
14   agencies to purchase additional software or requiring a fee to view or
15   access the data;

16   (2) Is compatible with security software platforms in use by the
17 specific school for which the data is provided without requiring the local
18 law enforcement agencies or school boards to purchase additional
19 software or requiring a fee to view or access the data;

20   (3) Is in a printable format and, if requested, in a digital file format
21 that can be integrated into interactive mobile platforms in use;

22   (4) Is verified for accuracy by the entity producing the data by
23 conducting a walk-through of the school buildings and grounds being
24 mapped;

25   (5) Is oriented true north;

26   (6) Includes accurate floor plans overlaid on current, verified aerial
27 imagery of the school campus;

28   (7) Contains site-specific labels that match the structure of school
29 buildings, including room labels, hallway names, external door or
30 stairwell numbers and the location of hazards, critical utility locations,
31 key boxes, automated external defibrillators and trauma kits;

32   (8) Contains site-specific labels that match the school grounds,
33 including parking areas, athletic fields, surrounding roads and
34 neighboring properties;

35   (9) Is overlaid with gridded "x" and "y" coordinates;

36   (10) Cannot be modified or updated independently without
37 corresponding updates to school mapping data within software
38 platforms used by local, state and federal public safety agencies that
39 provide emergency services to the specific school; and

40   (11) Will be provided to the school board and appropriate public
41 safety agencies at no cost beyond the initial cost of producing such
42 mapping data, and shall be available to such board and agencies
43 permanently.

44   (c) Not later than October 1, 2024, the department shall develop
45 eligibility criteria, application forms and deadlines for such program
46 and post in a conspicuous location on the department's Internet web site
47 a description of the grant program that includes, but is not limited to,
48 such criteria, forms and deadlines.

49   (d) Not later than January 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, the
50 department shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of
51 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of
52 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
53 safety and security. Such report shall include information for the
54 preceding calendar year on the number of applications for grants that
55 were received, the number of grants that were awarded and a list of the
56 schools that received services for school mapping data pursuant to such
57 grants.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*from passage*	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a school mapping data grant program.

[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.]