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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1107

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 26, 2020

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Collaborative Response Graphics Systems.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Bartels

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: GENERAL
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that school corporations, charter schools, and accredited nonpublic schools, with the sheriff of the county in which the school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school is located, may apply for a grant from the Indiana Secured School Fund for the initial set up costs for a Collaborative Response Graphics System. It requires guidelines published by the Department of Homeland Security to include information about implementing access to the collaborative graphics mapping solutions to be used in an emergency situation.

Effective Date: July 1, 2021.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Summary:* Beginning in FY 2022, the number of additional requests from school corporations, charter schools, and nonpublic schools for grants from the Indiana Secured School Fund in order to fund initial set up costs for a Collaborative Response Graphics System is expected to increase. The amount of the additional grants that can be funded for this initiative will depend on several factors including local actions and available funds. Approximately \$19.1 M was awarded to schools in FY 2020, and \$19.4 M in FY 2021.

Department of Homeland Security (DHS): The workload of the DHS and the Secured School Safety Board is expected to increase. However, the agencies should be able to implement the bill's requirements within their current resource level.

Additional Information - Indiana Secured School Fund: Subject to appropriation, school corporations, charter schools, and accredited nonpublic schools can receive a matching grant from the fund for their security program. The amount of the grant is the lesser of the total cost of the program and an amount based on the average daily membership of the school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school. Subject

to approval, school corporations, charter schools, and accredited nonpublic schools can also apply for a grant amount based on the amount of the matching grant they are willing to provide. Grants are approved by the Secured School Safety Board.

Common School Fund: School corporations and charter schools that have been previously approved for a matching grant from the Indiana Secured School Fund can also obtain an advance from the Common School Fund. Requests for an advance will be reviewed by the Secured School Safety Board and sent to the State Board of Education with a funding recommendation. The advance, plus interest, has to be repaid.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The potential impact of this bill on school corporations and charter schools would depend on local action. If increased expenditures not funded by matching grants or an advance occur, the additional funding would have to come from the school corporation's or charter school's current budget or from other local, state, or federal sources. School corporations and charter schools currently receiving the maximum grant would not receive any additional funding. School corporations and charter schools currently receiving less than the maximum grant, or that have not applied for a grant, would have to provide the additional matching funds, if required. School corporations and charter schools that receive an advance from the Common School Fund will have to repay the advance plus interest.

Threat Assessment; Mental Health Services: The bill requires that applicable school corporations and charter schools applying for a grant certify to the DHS that: (1) they have conducted a threat assessment for each school building used by the school corporation or charter school; and (2) they have a memorandum of understanding in place with a community mental health center or state-certified provider of mental health services to provide mental health services to their students. School corporations and charter schools should be able to complete these requirements within their existing resources.

Explanation of Local Revenues: This bill could result in more school corporations and charter schools receiving grants, advances, or an increased grant amount from the Indiana Secured School Fund and Common School Fund. A school corporation or charter school is limited to one grant; the sheriff of a county may receive multiple grants.

Payments for the advance from the Common School Fund are first deducted from the distribution of state tuition support payments and, if necessary, from the distribution of other state funds. To replace the revenue withheld from the distribution of state tuition support, the school corporation can levy an annual property tax in the debt service fund, which could result in revenue losses for school corporations and intersecting units due to tax caps. The impact could be more significant for those school corporations that receive an increase in the advance from the Common School Fund because of this bill.

State Agencies Affected: Department of Homeland Security; State Board of Education; Secured School Safety Board.

Local Agencies Affected: School corporations; Charter schools; Applicable local taxing units; County sheriffs.

Information Sources: Department of Homeland Security website: <https://www.in.gov/dhs/>

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