

SENATE BILL No. 242

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 10-21-1.

Synopsis: Model response protocols for schools. Requires the secured school safety board to establish standardized communication and response protocols to enable schools and first responders to communicate clearly and respond quickly to emergency situations.

Effective: July 1, 2014.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning public safety.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 10-21-1-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.172-2013,
2 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 3. (a) The secured school safety board is
4 established to approve or disapprove applications for matching grants
5 to fund programs described in section 2(a) of this chapter.
6 (b) The board consists of seven (7) members appointed as follows:
7 (1) The executive director of the department of homeland security
8 or the executive director's designee. The executive director of the
9 department of homeland security or the executive director's
10 designee serves as the chairperson of the board.
11 (2) The attorney general or the attorney general's designee.
12 (3) The superintendent of the state police department or the
13 superintendent's designee.
14 (4) A local law enforcement officer appointed by the governor.
15 (5) The state superintendent of public instruction or the
16 superintendent's designee.



(6) The director of the criminal justice institute or the director's designee.

(7) An employee of a local school corporation or a charter school appointed by the governor.

(c) The board shall establish criteria to be used in evaluating applications for matching grants from the fund. These criteria must:

(1) be consistent with the fund's goals; and

(2) provide for an equitable distribution of grants to school corporations and charter schools located throughout Indiana.

(d) The board shall develop communication and response protocols for emergency situations as described in section 3.5 of this chapter.

SECTION 2. IC 10-21-1-3.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: **Sec. 3.5. (a) The board shall develop a statewide model of standardized communication and response protocols to permit schools and first responders to:**

(1) communicate clearly and efficiently; and

(2) respond quickly and appropriately;

in emergency situations, including situations involving fire, bombs, severe weather, accidents, explosions, mass casualties, intruders, and shootings.

(b) The communication and response protocols must include the following:

(1) Standardized response options (such as "lockdown", "shelter in place", or "evacuate") for schools to use in responding to an emergency situation. The protocols must detail the actions to be taken by students and staff in implementing each response.

(2) Best practices for schools to use when alerting students, staff, and first responders of an emergency situation.

(3) Standard terminology to be used by schools to describe:

(A) an emergency situation; and

(B) the school's response to the emergency situation;

to first responders, such as "This is ABC Elementary, we have a natural gas leak, we are evacuating.", or "This is ABC High School, we have a shooter in the parking lot, we are in lockdown."

(4) Standard terminology to be used by first responders in advising schools how to respond to an emergency situation and of the actions to be taken by students and staff in implementing the advice of the first responders.



1 **(5) Best practices for schools and first responders to use in**
2 **training employees, jointly and separately, in the use of**
3 **communication and response protocols for emergency**
4 **situations.**

5 **(c) The board may meet in executive session (as defined in**
6 **IC 5-14-1.5-2) to establish communication and response protocols**
7 **for emergency situations. Unless the board determines otherwise,**
8 **communication and response protocols are confidential.**

