

**HOUSE BILL No. 2494**

By Committee on Education

Requested by Rep. Thomas

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1 AN ACT concerning school districts; relating to school security and  
2 emergency response policies; establishing requirements for school  
3 safety and security plans and cardiac emergency response plans;  
4 creating the school safety and security grant fund and the school  
5 cardiac emergency response grant fund.  
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7 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

8 Section 1. (a) The state board of education shall develop and adopt  
9 statewide standards for school safety and security plans and cardiac  
10 emergency response plans. In developing such standards, the state board of  
11 education shall consult with the office of the adjutant general, the Kansas  
12 bureau of investigation, the department of health and environment, the  
13 state fire marshal and any other state agencies, municipal agencies and  
14 school boards as the state board deems necessary.

15 (b) The standards developed by the state board of education shall  
16 include, but shall not be limited to:

17 (1) Evaluation of the infrastructure of school buildings and  
18 attendance centers for compliance with standards adopted under  
19 subsections (e) and (f);

20 (2) training of school district employees on school safety and security  
21 policies and procedures and cardiac emergency response policies and  
22 procedures;

23 (3) conducting student drills on emergency situations;

24 (4) procedures for making notifications to individuals located outside  
25 of the school building during emergency situations and maintaining  
26 communication with law enforcement agencies, emergency management  
27 agencies, emergency medical services and other necessary individuals;

28 (5) procedures for securing school buildings during an emergency  
29 situation;

30 (6) procedures for emergency evacuation of school buildings,  
31 including evacuation routes and sites;

32 (7) procedures for recovery after an emergency situation ceases;

33 (8) coordination and incorporation of school safety and security plans  
34 and cardiac emergency response plans within existing school district  
35 emergency response plans;

1 (9) distribution of school safety and security plans and cardiac  
2 emergency response plans to local law enforcement agencies and  
3 emergency management agencies;

4 (10) procedures for ensuring accountability in adopting and  
5 implementing school safety and security plans and cardiac emergency  
6 response plans in accordance with the statewide standards adopted by the  
7 state board; and

8 (11) any other policies and procedures the state board deems  
9 necessary for school safety and security plans or cardiac emergency  
10 response plans.

11 (c) As part of such standards, the state board shall identify roles and  
12 responsibilities for implementing school safety and security plans and  
13 cardiac emergency response plans at the school district and school building  
14 levels, including, but not limited to, the role of local law enforcement  
15 agencies and local emergency management agencies when partnering with  
16 school districts in the development and implementation of such plans.

17 (d) The state board may consider and utilize any materials,  
18 documentation or videos that are available through the United States  
19 department of homeland security in developing standards for school safety  
20 and security plans, and any such resources that are available through the  
21 United States department of health and human services, the American  
22 heart association or any other nationally recognized, guidelines-based  
23 organization focused on emergency cardiovascular care in developing  
24 standards for cardiac emergency response plans.

25 (e) The statewide standards for school safety and security plans shall  
26 address, but shall not be limited to:

27 (1) The infrastructure of school buildings and attendance centers  
28 operated by school districts, including, but not limited to, secured  
29 entrances, windows and other facets of the structural integrity of such  
30 buildings;

31 (2) security technology to be utilized in such buildings, including, but  
32 not limited to, intrusion detection systems and security cameras;

33 (3) communications systems, including, but not limited to, systems  
34 for interoperability between the school district and law enforcement  
35 agencies; and

36 (4) any other systems or facilities the state board deems necessary for  
37 the safety and security of such buildings.

38 (f) The statewide standards for cardiac emergency response plans  
39 shall address, but shall not be limited to:

40 (1) The appropriate use of school personnel to respond to incidents  
41 involving an individual experiencing suspected sudden cardiac arrest while  
42 on school grounds, including incidents involving an individual attending  
43 or participating in an athletic practice or event, whether such practice or

1 event is conducted on school grounds or at a separate location;

2 (2) establishing a cardiac emergency response team;

3 (3) implementing placement of automated external defibrillators and  
4 routine maintenance of such devices within school buildings, including  
5 appropriate placement in accordance with guidelines established by the  
6 American heart association or any nationally recognized, guidelines-based  
7 organization focused on emergency cardiovascular care;

8 (4) identifying the location of each automated external defibrillator;

9 (5) training of school personnel in the use of automated external  
10 defibrillators and cardiopulmonary resuscitation during an emergency in  
11 accordance with guidelines established by the American heart association  
12 or any nationally recognized, guidelines-based organization focused on  
13 emergency cardiovascular care;

14 (6) communications systems with local emergency medical services;  
15 and

16 (7) developing an event-specific emergency action plan for each  
17 school-sanctioned event held at a location separate from school grounds  
18 that includes:

19 (A) The roles of school and emergency medical services personnel,  
20 communications systems and available emergency equipment, including a  
21 portable automated external defibrillator; and

22 (B) access to and plan for emergency transport.

23 (g) The state board shall regularly review and update the standards  
24 for school safety and security plans and cardiac emergency response plans.  
25 Any changes to such standards shall be provided to each school district by  
26 written notification upon adoption by the state board.

27 (h) The state board shall provide notice of the adopted standards to  
28 those state agencies with whom the state board consulted in developing  
29 such standards. To the extent such standards contain emergency or security  
30 information or procedures, the state board shall maintain the  
31 confidentiality of such standards when sending notices pursuant to this  
32 subsection.

33 Sec. 2. (a) The board of education of each school district shall adopt a  
34 comprehensive school safety and security plan based on the statewide  
35 standards adopted by the state board of education under section 1, and  
36 amendments thereto. Prior to the adoption of a school safety and security  
37 plan, each school district shall consult with one or more local law  
38 enforcement agencies and local emergency management agencies to  
39 review and evaluate:

40 (1) Existing infrastructure of school buildings and attendance centers  
41 operated by such school district; and

42 (2) current school district safety and security policies and procedures.

43 The local law enforcement agencies and emergency management

1 agencies may provide guidance on improving a school district's building  
2 infrastructure or safety and security polices and procedures. The review  
3 and evaluation, and any guidance provided, shall be done in accordance  
4 with the standards adopted by the state board under section 1, and  
5 amendments thereto. Upon adoption of a school safety and security plan,  
6 the superintendent of the school district shall send a copy of such plan to  
7 each local law enforcement agency and emergency management agency  
8 with whom the school district consulted, and to the state board of  
9 education.

10 (b) (1) The board of education of each school district shall adopt a  
11 comprehensive cardiac emergency response plan based on the statewide  
12 standards adopted by the state board of education under section 1, and  
13 amendments thereto.

14 (2) Upon adoption, the cardiac emergency response plan shall be:

15 (A) Provided to appropriate local law enforcement and emergency  
16 medical services and all school personnel;

17 (B) reviewed by a school administrator with all school personnel  
18 prior to the first instructional day of each school year. The time and date of  
19 such review shall be documented as part of the plan; and

20 (C) reviewed at the end of each school year by the school building  
21 administrators, school nurses and appropriate local law enforcement and  
22 emergency medical services.

23 (3) The cardiac emergency response plan shall be rehearsed by  
24 simulation within 30 days prior to the beginning of each athletic season by  
25 all athletic directors, school nurses and all coaches, assistant coaches and  
26 athletic trainers who are coaching or otherwise participating in such  
27 athletic season.

28 (4) Each athletic coach shall obtain a cardiopulmonary resuscitation  
29 certification or training recognized by a national accrediting body on heart  
30 health. At least one individual with such certification or training shall be in  
31 attendance at every interscholastic athletic practice and competition.  
32 Courses for such certification or training shall:

33 (A) Be reviewed at least once every 30 months and revised if needed;

34 (B) be completed through hands-on or online teaching methods in 10  
35 hours or less; and

36 (C) include an end-of-course examination with a minimum qualifying  
37 score for successful course completion established by the board of  
38 education or the entity conducting such training.

39 Sec. 3. (a) There is hereby established the school safety and security  
40 grant program to be administered by the state board of education. Each  
41 school district may submit an application to the state board of education in  
42 such form and manner as prescribed by the state board for an amount of  
43 grant moneys needed by such school district to implement such district's

1 school safety and security plan adopted pursuant to section 2, and  
2 amendments thereto. Each grant application shall include a copy of the  
3 current school district safety and security plan, including all policies and  
4 procedures adopted for the implementation of such plan, and a description  
5 of the school safety and security improvements the district determines  
6 necessary for such implementation. The state board shall review all  
7 submitted applications and approve or deny such applications based on  
8 whether the applicant school district has demonstrated the necessity for the  
9 school safety and security improvements described in the application. As  
10 part of its review, the state board may conduct a hearing and provide the  
11 applicant school district an opportunity to present testimony as to the  
12 necessity of such school safety and security improvements. If the state  
13 board approves an application, it shall determine the amount of moneys to  
14 be disbursed to the applicant school district from the school safety and  
15 security grant fund. If the state board denies an application, then, within 15  
16 days of such denial, the state board shall send written notice of such denial  
17 to the superintendent of such school district.

18 (b) All administrative proceedings pursuant to this section shall be  
19 conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative  
20 procedure act. Any action by the state board of education pursuant to this  
21 section shall be subject to review in accordance with the Kansas judicial  
22 review act.

23 (c) There is hereby established in the state treasury the school safety  
24 and security grant fund to be administered by the department of education.  
25 All expenditures from the school safety and security grant fund shall be  
26 used for the disbursement of grant moneys for school safety and security  
27 improvements in accordance with this section and shall be made in  
28 accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of  
29 accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the  
30 commissioner of education or the commissioner's designee. Upon receipt  
31 of such grant moneys, the school district treasurer shall deposit the amount  
32 of such award in the general fund of the school district.

33 Sec. 4. (a) There is hereby established the school cardiac emergency  
34 response grant program to be administered by the department of health and  
35 environment. Each school district may submit an application to the  
36 secretary of health and environment in such form and manner as  
37 prescribed by the secretary for an amount of grant moneys needed by such  
38 school district to implement such district's cardiac emergency response  
39 plan adopted pursuant to section 2, and amendments thereto. Each grant  
40 application shall include a copy of the current school district cardiac  
41 emergency response plan, including all policies and procedures adopted  
42 for the implementation of such plan, and a description of the school  
43 improvements the district determines necessary for such implementation.

1 The secretary shall review all submitted applications and approve or deny  
2 such applications based on whether the applicant school district has  
3 demonstrated the necessity of the school improvements described in the  
4 application. As part of such review, the secretary may conduct a hearing  
5 and provide the applicant school district an opportunity to present  
6 testimony as to the necessity of such school improvements. If the secretary  
7 approves an application, the secretary shall determine the amount of  
8 moneys to be disbursed to the applicant school district from the school  
9 cardiac emergency response grant fund. If the secretary denies an  
10 application, then, within 15 days of such denial, the secretary shall send  
11 written notice of such denial to the superintendent of such school district.

12 (b) All administrative proceedings pursuant to this section shall be  
13 conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative  
14 procedure act. Any action by the secretary of health and environment  
15 pursuant to this section shall be subject to review in accordance with the  
16 Kansas judicial review act.

17 (c) There is hereby established in the state treasury the school cardiac  
18 emergency response grant fund to be administered by the department of  
19 health and environment. All expenditures from the school cardiac  
20 emergency response grant fund shall be used for the disbursement of grant  
21 moneys for school improvements in accordance with this section and shall  
22 be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the  
23 director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by  
24 the secretary of health and environment or the secretary's designee. Upon  
25 receipt of such grant moneys, the school district treasurer shall deposit the  
26 amount of such award in the general fund of the school district.

27 Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
28 publication in the statute book.