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HOUSE BILL NO. 111

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SHARP (37).

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 160, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to school safety.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 160, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 160.667, to read as follows:

160.667. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

2 **(1) "Approved controlled access entryway system" or "access system", actions,**
3 **policies, and procedures that incorporate or address components listed in subsection 3**
4 **of this section;**

5 **(2) "Department", the department of elementary and secondary education;**

6 **(3) "Parent", a parent, guardian, or other person having control or custody of a**
7 **child;**

8 **(4) "Public school", the same definition as in section 160.011;**

9 **(5) "Pupil", an individual who is at least five years of age but is under twenty-**
10 **two years of age, who is a resident of this state, and who attends a public school in this**
11 **state;**

12 **(6) "School facility", the same definition as in section 166.300.**

13 **2. (1) Before July 1, 2024, the department shall develop a model approved**
14 **controlled access entryway system for implementation in each school facility in which**
15 **pupils participate in a program of education. Such model access system shall allow**
16 **school districts and charter schools to modify such model access system as appropriate**
17 **for each school facility over which such school district or charter school has control.**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~thus~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 **(2) Except as provided in subsection 5 of this section, for the 2024-25 school year**
19 **and every subsequent school year, each school district and charter school shall modify**
20 **and implement such model access system for each school facility over which such school**
21 **district or charter school has control and submit an annual report to the department**
22 **describing the access system implemented in each such school facility.**

23 **3. An approved controlled access entryway system:**

24 **(1) Shall incorporate the following for each school facility:**

25 **(a) Lock all school facility exterior doors at the start of each school day and**
26 **require entry into such school facility through the main entrance only;**

27 **(b) Establish one main entrance, install signs identifying such entrance as the**
28 **main entrance, and maintain visible signs on campus and on all doors directing visitors**
29 **to the main entrance door;**

30 **(c) Require the installation of an intercom system at the initial exterior main**
31 **entrance door that allows parents and other visitors to communicate with school facility**
32 **staff and support personnel inside the building and state the purpose of the visit, request**
33 **entry, and hear staff and support personnel responses;**

34 **(d) Train all school facility staff and support personnel controlling access to such**
35 **doors in proper access system requirements and procedures for allowing access such as**
36 **procedures for communicating with visitors, opening the main entrance doors,**
37 **performing a visual evaluation of each visitor seeking entry, and referring decisions**
38 **to supervisory staff about whether to allow a visitor access if such staff member or**
39 **support personnel is uncomfortable allowing access; and**

40 **(e) Create a visitor sign-in, sign-out, and escort procedure that assigns a visitor**
41 **badge or other similar indicator to each visitor and that requires each visitor to display**
42 **such visitor badge or indicator at all times such visitor is in the school facility; and**

43 **(2) May incorporate the following:**

44 **(a) Reconfigure each school facility's main entrance so that there is a secondary**
45 **set of secure doors and all individuals are directed into the main office before gaining**
46 **access into other areas of the school facility. Such reconfiguration shall control access**
47 **by requiring visitors to proceed through the initial exterior main entrance door and to**
48 **be directed through the secondary set of secure doors, which may also be controlled with**
49 **a camera, intercom, buzzer, or a combination of such components, into the main office**
50 **before being provided access into other areas of the school facility;**

51 **(b) Reduce the number of doors that can be opened from the outside. Such**
52 **reduction shall not be construed to allow chaining doors or taking actions that create a**
53 **fire hazard. Such reduction shall be construed to require installing or maintaining**

54 doors that cannot be opened from the outside but from which individuals inside the
55 school facility can exit in the event of a fire or other emergency;

56 (c) Secure the school facility's custodial entrances and delivery doors at all times.
57 Require custodial personnel to keep a log of deliveries that contains at least the name of
58 the vendor company, the name of the delivery personnel, the license plate of the vehicle,
59 the date and time of arrival and departure, and associated information;

60 (d) Require all school facility doors to be closed and secured from the outside
61 while cleaning personnel and after-hours staff work inside the school facility during
62 evening and night hours;

63 (e) Train all school staff and support personnel to greet and challenge any
64 individual who is not a pupil inside the school facility. Staff and support personnel shall
65 be trained to, at a minimum, report such individuals to the school facility main office if
66 such staff member or support personnel does not feel safe in approaching an individual
67 believed to be an unauthorized visitor or an intruder;

68 (f) Train pupils to refrain from opening exterior doors to any other individual,
69 regardless of whether such other individual is a stranger, another pupil, or an adult such
70 pupil knows;

71 (g) Educate parents about access system requirements and procedures and the
72 importance of following such requirements and procedures;

73 (h) Establish a program of routine maintenance and timely repair for all doors;

74 (i) Install electromagnetic locks on all exterior doors to more easily control
75 access through doors;

76 (j) Control the initial exterior main entrance door with a video intercom system
77 or other similar method of alerting staff members and support personnel inside the
78 school facility. Train all staff members and support personnel controlling access to such
79 door on proper access control requirements and procedures for allowing access;

80 (k) Use proximity cards, smart cards, key fobs, or similar technology for school
81 facility staff members and support personnel, with card readers at the most commonly
82 used doors;

83 (l) Use surveillance cameras to monitor and record exterior doors, if funding for
84 such cameras and staff to monitor such cameras is available, to serve as a deterrent for
85 improper entry into the school facility and to provide a record of individuals around
86 such doors; and

87 (m) Post notices that individuals who do not follow proper access control
88 requirements and procedures for visitations may be charged with trespassing.

89 4. Subject to appropriation, the department shall award grants to school
90 districts and charter schools for the purpose of reimbursing costs incurred for

91 **implementing an approved controlled access entryway system in school facilities. The**
92 **amount of each grant awarded under this section shall be equal to seventy percent of**
93 **such costs for each school facility and, subject to appropriation, shall be paid from the**
94 **general revenue fund.**

95 **5. No school district or charter school shall be required to implement any access**
96 **system under this section in any school facility over which such school district or charter**
97 **school has control until the moneys for a grant to such school facility have been**
98 **appropriated to the department for such purposes.**

99 **6. The department may promulgate all necessary rules and regulations for the**
100 **administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in**
101 **section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall**
102 **become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter**
103 **536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable**
104 **and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to**
105 **review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently**
106 **held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or**
107 **adopted after August 28, 2023, shall be invalid and void.**

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