

SENATE FILE NO. SF0064

School safety and security.

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to student and school safety and security;
2 modifying duties of the state superintendent of public
3 instruction and school district boards of trustees; amending
4 school safety drill requirements; providing an appropriation;
5 and providing for an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-2-202(a) by creating a new paragraph
10 (xxxviii), 21-3-110(a) by creating new paragraphs (xxxvii)
11 and (xxxviii) and 35-9-505(b) are amended to read:

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13 **21-2-202. Duties of the state superintendent.**

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15 (a) In addition to any other duties assigned by law,
16 the state superintendent shall:

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(xxxviii) Create model school safety and security guidelines to assist school districts in developing comprehensive safety and security plans, as required by W.S. 21-3-110(a)(xxxvii), in consultation with a school safety and security advisory committee assembled by the state superintendent. The advisory committee may be comprised of representatives from the governor's office, Wyoming school districts, the attorney general's office, the division of homeland security, the school facilities division of the state construction department, the department of health, the department of education, the department of fire prevention and electrical safety, the Wyoming national guard, law enforcement and first responder agencies and parents and students. The advisory committee may assist the state superintendent with other matters relating to school safety and security and may meet at the call of the state superintendent.

21-3-110. Duties of boards of trustees.

(a) The board of trustees in each school district shall:

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(xxxvii) Develop and annually review a comprehensive safety and security plan for all school district facilities to maximize safety of students and staff. The school district may use any portion of department of education school safety and security guidelines in developing its own plan. The plan shall be submitted to the department of education during the school district's accreditation review. The plan is not a public record available for public inspection under the Public Records Act, W.S. 16-4-201 et seq. The board may develop, discuss and review the plan in executive sessions not open to the public. The plan shall, at a minimum, include the following elements:

(A) Techniques and strategies to:

(I) Identify students who demonstrate signs of having the potential to engage in violent behavior; and

(II) Intervene with students who demonstrate signs of having the potential to engage in violent

1 behavior, including coordination with mental health services
2 and social services.

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4 (B) Publicization to all school district
5 staff and students regarding the state's student and school
6 safety call center, as authorized in W.S. 9-1-603(a)(ix);

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8 (C) Publicization to all district staff of
9 available digital applications to alert first responders to
10 emergency situations;

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12 (D) A description of how the school district
13 will evaluate, procure and implement advances in school
14 safety and security technology;

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16 (E) A description of how the school district
17 will coordinate effectively with law enforcement resources;

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19 (F) A system to comply with the staff
20 training requirements contained in paragraph (xxxviii) of
21 this subsection.

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1 (xxxviii) Establish and implement a system to
2 train all school district employees on techniques to improve
3 school safety and security in the event of a violent intruder
4 attack. The training shall be based on a nationally recognized
5 program in school safety and security training. The system
6 shall include, but is not limited to, methods to:

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8 (A) Recognize a violent intruder attack has
9 commenced;

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11 (B) Clearly and directly notify other
12 individuals within a school and law enforcement officials
13 that a violent intruder attack has commenced;

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15 (C) Safely and strategically evacuate during
16 a violent intruder attack;

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18 (D) Barricade or otherwise secure a room or
19 other portion of a school facility during a violent intruder
20 attack;

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1 (E) Use noise, movement, distance,
2 distraction and subterfuge to interrupt a violent intruder
3 attack.

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5 **35-9-505. Applicability; fire and safety drills**
6 **required in schools; supervision of drills.**

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8 (b) In every public and private school in Wyoming,
9 there shall be a fire drill at least once every month. Safety
10 drills may be used in lieu of fire drills if approved by and
11 coordinated with the local fire department provided fire
12 drills are conducted at each school not less than four (4)
13 times during any one (1) academic year and further provided
14 the school's fire alarm is tested at each fire or safety
15 drill. A safety drill includes any organized response to a
16 potential threat to the health and safety of the student
17 population and drills contemplated by a school district's
18 comprehensive safety and security plan developed in
19 accordance with W.S. 21-3-110(a)(xxxvii). The school
20 administration shall supervise and administer this subsection
21 and shall determine the types of safety drills appropriate
22 for each school. In localities where a paid fire department
23 is maintained, a fire department member shall be requested to

1 be in attendance at each fire or safety drill conducted within
2 a school for the purpose of instruction and constructive
3 criticism.

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5 **Section 2.**

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7 (a) There is appropriated one hundred thousand dollars
8 (\$100,000.00) from the school foundation program account to
9 the department of education. This appropriation shall only be
10 expended for purposes of assisting school districts to
11 provide safety and security training to school district
12 staff. The department shall endeavor to provide funding to as
13 many school districts as possible. The appropriation provided
14 in this section shall be for the period beginning July 1,
15 2019 and ending June 30, 2020. Notwithstanding any other
16 provision of law, this appropriation shall not be transferred
17 or expended for any other purposes and any unexpended funds
18 shall revert to the school foundation program account on July
19 1, 2020. The department's standard budget request for fiscal
20 years 2021-2022 shall include a similar appropriation
21 request.

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1 (b) There is appropriated twenty-five thousand dollars
2 (\$25,000.00) from the school foundation program account to
3 the department of education. This appropriation shall only be
4 expended for the purpose of funding the school safety and
5 security advisory committee as provided under W.S.
6 21-2-202(a)(xxxviii). This appropriation shall be for the
7 period beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.
8 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this
9 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any
10 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining
11 from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on
12 July 1, 2020. The department's standard budget request for
13 fiscal years 2021-2022 shall include a similar appropriation
14 request.

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16 (c) By July 1, 2019, a school district may apply to the
17 department for financial assistance to provide safety and
18 security training to school district staff. Application shall
19 be on a form and in a manner prescribed by the department.

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21 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2019.

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