



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB2609

by Rep. La Shawn K. Ford

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.176 new

Amends the School Code to create the Office of School Safety within the State Board of Education. Provides for the Office's duties. Requires the Office to create a grant program for expenditures related to improving school safety. Provides that grant funds must be used for school security improvements, including training and safety-related upgrades to school buildings, equipment (including metal detectors and x-ray machines), and facilities. Specifies the grant application requirements. Effective January 1, 2020.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section
5 2-3.176 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.176 new)

7 Sec. 2-3.176. Office of School Safety.

8 (a) There is created an Office of School Safety within the
9 State Board of Education. The Director of the Office shall be
10 appointed by the State Superintendent of Education.

11 (b) The Office has all of the following duties:

12 (1) Create model practices for school safety. The State
13 Board must provide any necessary resources or staff
14 requested by the Office to create the model practices under
15 this paragraph.

16 (2) Coordinate with school districts and nonpublic
17 schools to compile blueprints and geographic information
18 system maps for all schools. The Office must keep all
19 blueprints and maps confidential unless a law enforcement
20 agency requests access to the blueprints or maps.

21 (3) Offer, or contract with another party to offer,
22 training for school employees on school safety. Training
23 subjects may include trauma-informed care and how adverse

1 childhood experiences have an impact on a child's
2 development and may increase a child's need for counseling
3 or support. If a school district or nonpublic school
4 receives a grant for the training under this paragraph, the
5 Office may charge a fee for the training.

6 (4) Seek and apply for federal funds related to school
7 safety improvements.

8 (c) The Office shall create a grant program for
9 expenditures related to improving school safety. The Office
10 must accept grant applications under this subsection from
11 public school boards and the governing bodies of charter
12 schools and nonpublic schools. Grant funds must be used for
13 school security improvements, including training and
14 safety-related upgrades to school buildings, equipment
15 (including metal detectors and x-ray machines), and
16 facilities. An application submitted under this subsection
17 must include all of the following:

18 (1) A school safety plan.

19 (2) Blueprints of each school building and facility or,
20 if a school has already submitted to the Office blueprints
21 under paragraph (2) of subsection (b), a certification that
22 the blueprints submitted are current.

23 (3) A proposed plan of expenditure of the grant moneys.

24 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January
25 1, 2020.