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SCHOOLS EN +\$8,969,075 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Creates the School Safety Act of 2023. (gov sig)

Proposed legislation creates the Center for Safe Schools within the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) and requires the center to develop, by 12/1/23, a statewide panic emergency notification system as well as an anonymous reporting system, and requires each public school board to implement the use of these systems by 4/1/24. Proposed legislation additionally provides for bleeding control kits to be placed in easily accessible locations within each school and for the principal of each school to designate employees to be trained in their use. Legislation requires a district threat assessment team be created and provides they have input on the creation and revision of school crisis management and response plans. The bill also provides that at least one school safety drill be conducted during high traffic points during the school day and requires in-service crisis management and response training include an active shooter scenario. Subject to the appropriation of funds by the legislature.

EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$8,969,075	\$8,960,731	\$8,978,505	\$8,996,813	\$9,041,270	\$44,946,394
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed legislation will lead to an increase in SGF expenditures. The Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) reports the anticipated expenditures below in order to comply with the requirements in proposed legislation. HB 1 includes a SGF appropriation of \$8,969,075 to GOHSEP to fund this program.

- \$1,000,000** Anonymous Reporting app, a system that encourages the reporting of potential threats.
- \$1,604,250** Panic Button app designed for teachers to allow them to push a single button to instantly alert law enforcement of emergency situations, including fire, medical, and active shooters.
- \$1,108,515** Salaries and other associated costs for 11 new T.O. positions within GOHSEP to administer and oversee the Center for Safe Schools.
- \$256,310** Convert 2 existing Job Appointments to T.O. within the Louisiana State Police (LSP) as federally funded grants for these positions have expired. HB 1 includes an IAT in this amount to LSP in order to fund these positions.
- \$5,000,000** Establish a Safety and Security Grant Program Fund to provide grants to eligible schools and nonprofit organizations to defray the cost of security enhancements and/or measures per Act 69 of the 2022 Regular Legislative Session.

The Louisiana Department of Education (LDE) reports that existing staff may be assigned to the required district threat assessment team, at no additional cost to local education agencies (LEAs). School crisis management and response plan development is supported through the U.S. Department of Education, Grants to States for School Emergency Management Program. Funding from this grant equals \$3.7 M and runs from 10/1/18 to 9/29/23. LDE reports there is a possibility of a no-cost extension to the grant. If an extension is not granted, LDE will work with the Center for Safe Schools to continue providing assistance to schools, at no additional cost. LDE is currently partnered with LSU to provide technical assistance to LEAs in preparation of these plans, at no additional cost.

LDE reports kits vary in price, ranging from \$70-\$800 per kit, and GOHSEP estimates \$1.4 M for initial startup costs and \$140,000 in annual maintenance costs to install kits in all 1,376 public schools. LDE reports that data is not available on the number of schools who already have these kits onsite, or on the quantity of kits a specific school may have. LDE reports the Louisiana Emergency Response Network (LERN) will provide traumatic injury response training free of charge, onsite at schools.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

<p><u>Senate</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}</p>	<p><u>House</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}</p>	
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