

SENATE BILL NO. 132

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:416.16.1(A)(1), (2), and (4), and (E) and to enact R.S. 17:416.16.1(F), relative to public school safety; to require exterior master key boxes to be installed in public schools under certain circumstances; to provide for installation locations; to require that certain contents be placed in the exterior master key boxes; to provide for definitions; to provide for standards; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:416.16.1(A)(1), (2), and (4), and (E) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:416.16.1(F) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§416.16.1. School mapping data; **exterior master key box**

A.(1) The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state Department of Education shall coordinate with the Louisiana Center for Safe Schools to provide the mapping data of all public schools in order to provide law enforcement **officials and other first responders with** the appropriate tools needed for school safety.

(2) Upon preparing a school crisis management and response plan in accordance with R.S. 17:416.16 each city, parish, or other local public school system governing authority or a vendor shall submit a copy of the most recent blueprints and school mapping data of each school building and facility in the school system **and the method by which law enforcement officers and other first responders can obtain access to locked facilities, including all external and internal locks, or the location of the exterior master key box**, to each local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over any portion of the school governing authority, each local and state public safety and emergency preparedness office, the Louisiana Center for Safe

1 Schools, and to the school's office for use in response to emergencies.

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3 (4) For the purposes of this Section, the following terms shall have the
4 following meanings:

5 **(a) "Exterior master key box" means a secure, wall-mounted, anti-theft**
6 **resistant container that is installed outside a school's building to provide first**
7 **responders with immediate access to the school during a school crisis to allow**
8 **for rapid response and rescue.**

9 ~~(a)~~**(b)** "First responders" means local, state, and federal law enforcement
10 agencies, fire, public safety, and emergency preparedness officials.

11 ~~(b)~~**(c)** "School mapping data" means information provided in an electronic
12 or digital format to assist first responders in responding to emergencies at public
13 schools.

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15 **E. Each public school governing authority that has not, prior to January**
16 **1, 2028, instituted a system for allowing access to locked facilities to law**
17 **enforcement officials and other first responders shall from funds appropriated**
18 **by the legislature to the Louisiana Center for Safe Schools, install at least one**
19 **exterior master key box on the campus of each public school under its**
20 **jurisdiction.**

21 **(1) Each exterior master key box is to be installed at a location on the**
22 **school's campus to permit first responders to gain expedited access to the school**
23 **building.**

24 **(2) The precise location of the exterior master key box shall be**
25 **determined by the public school governing authority in collaboration with local**
26 **law enforcement agencies for the jurisdiction in which the school building is**
27 **located.**

28 **(3) The exterior master key box shall contain all of the following:**

29 **(a) Copies of building keys or key cards to obtain entry to all doors on**
30 **the school campus.**

1 **(b) Printed maps with school mapping data that is required by this**
2 **Section.**

3 **(4) Each master key box installed at a school shall meet the basic**
4 **commercial applications standard for anti-theft alarms and devices as**
5 **prescribed under Underwriters Laboratories Standard 1037.**

6 E.F. Blueprints and school mapping data of a public school building or
7 facility shall not be subject to the Public Records Law.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____