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6	A BILL
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10	Relating to public K-12 school safety and security; to
11	create the School Security Program to require periodic
12	inspections of school security of public K-12 schools and
13	facilities; to require the State Board of Education to adopt
14	rules to administer and implement the program and score local
15	boards of education based on compliance with school security
16	criteria; to create the School Security and Fire Safety Fund;
17	to provide for grants for qualifying local boards of
18	education; to establish the School Mapping Data Program and
19	require ALEA to adopt rules to administer and implement that
20	program; to provide criteria for school maps; and to provide
21	for the distribution of school mapping data to certain law
22	enforcement and public safety agencies.
23	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
24	Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as
25	the School Security Act.
26	Section 2. For the purposes of this act, the following
27	terms have the following meanings:
28	(1) ALEA. The Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency.



- 29 (2) BOARD. The State Board of Education.
- 30 (3) DEPARTMENT. The State Department of Education.
- 31 (4) SCHOOL. Any public K-12 school.
- 32 (5) SCHOOL FACILITY. Any building operated in
- 33 connection with a school including, but not limited to, those
- 34 housing classrooms, administration, or athletic facilities.
- 35 Section 3. (a)(1) There is established the School
- 36 Security Program. The board shall adopt rules to implement and
- 37 administer the program pursuant to this act.
- 38 (2) The board shall require that at least once every
- 39 five years, the school facilities under the jurisdiction of
- 40 each local board of education shall be inspected by at least
- one school security inspector to determine the compliance of
- 42 the school facility and the local board of education with the
- 43 school security criteria established pursuant to subsection
- 44 (b).
- (b) (1) The board shall establish criteria for school
- 46 security inspections. The criteria shall be established in
- 47 consultation with the department's regional school safety
- 48 coordinators and any other entities or individuals as
- 49 determined by the board. The criteria shall include a rubric
- 50 that school security inspectors must use to evaluate each
- 51 school facility during an inspection. The rubric shall
- 52 include, but not be limited to, standards for each of the
- 53 following:
- a. Security cameras.
- 55 b. Alarm systems.
- 56 c. Locks on exterior and interior doors.



d. Emergency escapes.

- e. Any other physical measures used to strengthen the security of school facilities and school grounds, including, but not limited to, criteria related to intrusion detection, fencing, and windows.
- 62 (2) The board shall periodically review and update the 63 criteria and rubric to ensure that both accurately reflect 64 current best practices relating to school security.
 - (c) Inspections under this chapter shall be completed by one or more school security inspectors. The board shall adopt rules relating to the selection of school security inspectors. School security inspectors shall be neutral and nonbiased individuals with some background experience relating to school security or school facilities, as determined by the board. Possible school security inspectors include, but are not limited to, retired law enforcement officers. A regional school safety coordinator may not be a school security inspector but may attend school security inspections for the purposes of reviewing the accuracy and currentness of school security criteria and rubric.
 - (d) (1) Following an inspection, the school security inspector who conducted the inspection shall provide each school facility with a school security rubric score. The school security inspector shall also provide each local board of education that he or she inspects with a cumulative school security rubric score and recommendations to improve school security.
- 84 (2) A school security rubric score may be an A, B, C,



- 85 D, or F. An "A" score shall indicate the highest level of
- 86 compliance with the school security criteria, while an "F"
- 87 score shall indicate a failure to comply.
- 88 (e)(1) The School Security and Fire Safety Fund is
- 89 created within the State Treasury.
- 90 (2)a. The board may award grants to local boards of
- 91 education to assist those local boards in complying with the
- 92 school security criteria established pursuant to subdivision
- 93 (b).
- b. The board may award grants to local boards of
- 95 education to assist those local boards in complying with fire
- 96 safety recommendations made by the state Fire Marshal or his
- 97 or her assistants, as defined by Section 36-19-3, Code of
- 98 Alabama 1975.
- 99 (3) A local board of education that receives a grant
- 100 from the fund shall ensure that the expenditure of any grant
- 101 funds will be used to improve school facilities in compliance
- 102 with the state building code and rules adopted by the board,
- 103 including rules related to school facilities.
- 104 (4) The board shall develop an application form and
- adopt procedures for the administration of the fund, including
- 106 for the development of application criteria. The board shall
- 107 prioritize schools with the most need as demonstrated through
- 108 the school security inspection rubric score and local boards
- 109 of education that have completed a facilities assessment
- 110 through the department's regional school safety training
- 111 program.
- 112 (5) Any monies appropriated shall be budgeted and



- 113 allotted pursuant to the Budget Management Act in accordance
- 114 with Article 4, commencing with Section 41-4-80 of Chapter 4
- of Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and only in the amounts
- 116 provided by the Legislature in the general appropriations act
- or other appropriations act.
- 118 Section 4. (a) A School Mapping Data Program is
- 119 established within ALEA to provide accurate maps of each
- school in the state for use in the case of an emergency. ALEA
- 121 shall adopt rules to implement and administer the program
- 122 pursuant to this act.
- (b) (1) ALEA shall collaborate with local boards of
- 124 education to collect accurate mapping data for each school in
- this state, subject to the appropriation of funds for this
- 126 purpose. School mapping data shall include accurate floor
- 127 plans of each school overlaid on current, verified aerial
- imagery of the campus and shall meet all of the following
- 129 requirements:
- a. Be oriented true north.
- b. Be verified by the entity producing the data for
- accuracy by a walk-through of school buildings and grounds.
- 133 c. Contain site-specific labeling that matches the
- 134 structure of school buildings, including room labels, hallway
- names, and external door or stairwell numbers and locations of
- 136 hazards, critical utility locations, key boxes, automated
- 137 external defibrillators, and trauma kits.
- d. Contain site-specific labeling that matches the
- 139 school grounds, including parking areas, athletic fields,
- surrounding roads, and neighboring properties.



e. Be overlaid with gridded x and y coordinates.

- 142 (2) Updates to school mapping data shall be completed
 143 as deemed necessary by ALEA. Any updates to school mapping
 144 data shall be accessible within software platforms used by the
 145 local, county, state, and federal public safety agencies that
 146 provide emergency services to the specific school.
 - (c) School mapping data shall be provided to each local board of education, local law enforcement agency, and public safety agency for use in response to emergencies. For the purposes of this section, emergencies include, but are not limited to, any event in which one or more law enforcement officers, firefighters, rescue squads, emergency medical services providers, public safety telecommunications, or other emergency management provider may respond.
 - (d) (1) School mapping data shall be compatible with software platforms used by local, county, state, and federal public safety agencies that provide emergency services to the school for which the data is provided. School mapping data shall be compatible with security software platforms in use by the public K-12 school for which the data is provided.
 - (2) School mapping data shall be available in a printable format and, if requested by a public safety agency, local law enforcement agency, or local board of education, be in a digital format that may be integrated into interactive mobile platforms in use.
 - (e) No entity including, but not limited to, a law enforcement agency, local board of education, or public safety agency, may be required to purchase additional software or pay





- a fee to view or access school mapping data through the School
 Mapping Data Program.
- 171 Section 5. (a) School security rubric scores and school
- mapping data, including any information or records used to
- determine a score or develop mapping data, are confidential
- and shall not be considered public records under Article 3 of
- 175 Chapter 12 of Title 36, Code of Alabama 1975.
- (b) This act may not be considered as creating a
- 177 private right of action against a local board of education or
- 178 its officials or employees.
- 179 Section 6. This act shall become effective on October
- 180 1, 2024.





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