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The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through SEN. GASTON of the 23rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL MAPPING DATA SERVICES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) For the fiscal year ending  
2 June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year thereafter, the Department of  
3 Emergency Services and Public Protection shall, within available  
4 appropriations, administer a program to provide grants to local or  
5 regional boards of education for services to provide school mapping  
6 data that meets the requirements described in subsection (b) of this  
7 section.

8 (b) A local or regional board of education may apply for a grant for  
9 services to provide school mapping data for one or more schools,  
10 provided such school mapping data:

11 (1) Is compatible with software platforms used by local, state and  
12 federal public safety agencies that provide emergency services to the  
13 specific school for which the data is provided without requiring such  
14 agencies to purchase additional software or requiring a fee to view or

15 access the data;

16 (2) Is compatible with security software platforms in use by the  
17 specific school for which the data is provided without requiring the local  
18 law enforcement agencies or school boards to purchase additional  
19 software or requiring a fee to view or access the data;

20 (3) Is in a printable format and, if requested, in a digital file format  
21 that can be integrated into interactive mobile platforms in use;

22 (4) Is verified for accuracy by the entity producing the data by  
23 conducting a walk-through of the school buildings and grounds being  
24 mapped;

25 (5) Is oriented true north;

26 (6) Includes accurate floor plans overlaid on current, verified aerial  
27 imagery of the school campus;

28 (7) Contains site-specific labels that match the structure of school  
29 buildings, including room labels, hallway names, external door or  
30 stairwell numbers and the location of hazards, critical utility locations,  
31 key boxes, automated external defibrillators and trauma kits;

32 (8) Contains site-specific labels that match the school grounds,  
33 including parking areas, athletic fields, surrounding roads and  
34 neighboring properties;

35 (9) Is overlaid with gridded "x" and "y" coordinates;

36 (10) Cannot be modified or updated independently without  
37 corresponding updates to school mapping data within software  
38 platforms used by local, state and federal public safety agencies that  
39 provide emergency services to the specific school; and

40 (11) Will be provided to the school board and appropriate public  
41 safety agencies at no cost beyond the initial cost of producing such  
42 mapping data, and shall be available to such board and agencies  
43 permanently.

44 (c) Not later than October 1, 2025, the department shall develop  
45 eligibility criteria, application forms and deadlines for such program  
46 and post in a conspicuous location on the department's Internet web site  
47 a description of the grant program that includes, but is not limited to,  
48 such criteria, forms and deadlines.

49 (d) Not later than January 1, 2027, and annually thereafter, the  
50 department shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of  
51 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of  
52 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public  
53 safety and security. Such report shall include information for the  
54 preceding calendar year on the number of applications for grants that  
55 were received, the number of grants that were awarded and a list of the  
56 schools that received services for school mapping data pursuant to such  
57 grants.

58 Sec. 2. Section 84 of public act 13-3, as amended by section 15 of public  
59 act 13-122, section 191 of public act 13-247, section 73 of public act 14-98,  
60 section 1 of public act 15-5, section 1 of public act 16-171, section 1 of  
61 public act 17-68, section 490 of public act 17-2 of the June special session  
62 and section 73 of public act 20-1, is repealed and the following is  
63 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

64 (a) The Departments of Emergency Services and Public Protection,  
65 Administrative Services and Education shall jointly administer a school  
66 security infrastructure competitive grant program to reimburse (1) a  
67 town, (2) a regional educational service center, (3) the governing  
68 authority for a state charter school, (4) the Department of Education on  
69 behalf of the technical high school system, (5) an incorporated or  
70 endowed high school or academy approved by the State Board of  
71 Education pursuant to section 10-34 of the general statutes, (6) the  
72 supervisory agent for a nonpublic school, and (7) a licensed child care  
73 center or private preschool operator that has received threats, provided  
74 no family child care providers may be eligible for reimbursement  
75 pursuant to this section, for certain expenses for schools, centers or  
76 preschools incurred on or after January 1, 2013, for: (A) The

77 development or improvement of the security infrastructure of schools,  
78 centers or preschools, based on the results of school building or child  
79 care center building security assessments pursuant to subsection (d) of  
80 this section, including, but not limited to, the installation of surveillance  
81 cameras, penetration resistant vestibules, ballistic glass, solid core  
82 doors, double door access, computer-controlled electronic locks, entry  
83 door buzzer systems, scan card systems, panic alarms, real time  
84 interoperable communications and multimedia sharing infrastructure  
85 or other systems; [and] (B) (i) the training of school personnel in the  
86 operation and maintenance of the security infrastructure of school  
87 buildings, or (ii) the purchase of portable entrance security devices,  
88 including, but not limited to, metal detector wands and screening  
89 machines and related training; and (C) the provision of school mapping  
90 data services.

91 (b) (1) On and after April 4, 2013, each local and regional board of  
92 education may, on behalf of its town or its member towns, apply, at such  
93 time and in such manner as the Commissioner of Emergency Services  
94 and Public Protection prescribes, to the Department of Emergency  
95 Services and Public Protection for a grant for certain expenses for  
96 schools under the jurisdiction of such board of education incurred on or  
97 after January 1, 2013, for the purposes described in subsection (a) of this  
98 section. Prior to the date that the School Safety Infrastructure Council  
99 makes its initial submission of the school safety infrastructure  
100 standards, pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-292r of the general  
101 statutes, the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public  
102 Protection, in consultation with the Commissioners of Administrative  
103 Services and Education, shall determine which expenses are eligible for  
104 reimbursement under the program. On and after the date that the School  
105 Safety Infrastructure Council submits the school safety infrastructure  
106 standards, the decision to approve or deny an application and the  
107 determination of which expenses are eligible for reimbursement under  
108 the program shall be in accordance with the most recent submission of  
109 the school safety infrastructure standards, pursuant to subsection (c) of  
110 section 10-292r of the general statutes.

111 (2) A regional educational service center may apply, at such time and  
112 in such manner as the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public  
113 Protection prescribes, to the Department of Emergency Services and  
114 Public Protection for a grant for certain expenses for schools under the  
115 jurisdiction of such regional educational service center incurred on or  
116 after January 1, 2013, for the purposes described in subsection (a) of this  
117 section. The department shall decide whether to approve or deny an  
118 application and which expenses are eligible for reimbursement under  
119 the program. Such decisions shall be in accordance with the school  
120 safety infrastructure standards developed pursuant to subsection (c) of  
121 section 10-292r of the general statutes.

122 (3) The governing authority for a state charter school may apply, at  
123 such time and in such manner as the Commissioner of Emergency  
124 Services and Public Protection prescribes, to the Department of  
125 Emergency Services and Public Protection for a grant for certain  
126 expenses for schools under the jurisdiction of such governing authority  
127 incurred on or after January 1, 2013, for the purposes described in  
128 subsection (a) of this section. The department shall decide whether to  
129 approve or deny an application and which expenses are eligible for  
130 reimbursement under the program. Such decisions shall be in  
131 accordance with the school safety infrastructure standards developed  
132 pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-292r of the general statutes.

133 (4) The superintendent of the technical high school system may  
134 apply, at such time and in such manner as the Commissioner of  
135 Emergency Services and Public Protection prescribes, to the Department  
136 of Emergency Services and Public Protection for a grant for certain  
137 expenses for schools in the technical high school system incurred on or  
138 after January 1, 2013, for the purposes described in subsection (a) of this  
139 section. The department shall decide whether to approve or deny an  
140 application and which expenses are eligible for reimbursement under  
141 the program. Such decisions shall be in accordance with the school  
142 safety infrastructure standards developed pursuant to subsection (c) of  
143 section 10-292r of the general statutes.

144 (5) An incorporated or endowed high school or academy may apply,  
145 at such time and in such manner as the Commissioner of Emergency  
146 Services and Public Protection prescribes, to the Department of  
147 Emergency Services and Public Protection for a grant for certain  
148 expenses incurred on or after January 1, 2013, for the purposes described  
149 in subsection (a) of this section. The department shall decide whether to  
150 approve or deny an application and which expenses are eligible for  
151 reimbursement under the program. Such decisions shall be in  
152 accordance with the school safety infrastructure standards developed  
153 pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-292r of the general statutes.

154 (6) (A) The supervisory agent for a nonpublic school or a licensed  
155 child care center or private preschool operator described in subdivision  
156 (7) of subsection (a) of this section may apply, at such time and in such  
157 manner as the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public  
158 Protection prescribes, to the Department of Emergency Services and  
159 Public Protection for a grant for certain expenses for schools under the  
160 jurisdiction of such supervisory agent or for such licensed child care  
161 centers or private preschools incurred on or after January 1, 2013, for the  
162 purposes described in subsection (a) of this section. The department  
163 shall decide whether to approve or deny an application and which  
164 expenses are eligible for reimbursement under the program. Such  
165 decisions shall be in accordance with the school safety infrastructure  
166 standards developed pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-292r of the  
167 general statutes.

168 (B) Ten per cent of the funds available under the program shall be  
169 awarded to the supervisory agents of nonpublic schools and licensed  
170 child care center or private preschool operators described in subdivision  
171 (7) of subsection (a) of this section, in accordance with the provisions of  
172 subdivision (6) of subsection (c) of this section.

173 (c) (1) A town may receive a grant equal to a percentage of its eligible  
174 expenses. The percentage shall be determined as follows: (A) Each town  
175 shall be ranked in descending order from one to one hundred sixty-nine  
176 according to town wealth, as defined in subdivision (26) of section 10-

177 262f of the general statutes, (B) based upon such ranking, a percentage  
178 of not less than twenty or more than eighty shall be assigned to each  
179 town on a continuous scale, and (C) the town ranked first shall be  
180 assigned a percentage of twenty and the town ranked last shall be  
181 assigned a percentage of eighty.

182 (2) A regional educational service center may receive a grant equal to  
183 a percentage of its eligible expenses. The percentage shall be determined  
184 by its ranking. Such ranking shall be determined by (A) multiplying the  
185 population of each member town in the regional educational service  
186 center by such town's ranking, as determined in subsection (a) of section  
187 10-285a of the general statutes; (B) adding together the figures for each  
188 town determined under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision; and (C)  
189 dividing the total computed under subparagraph (B) of this subdivision  
190 by the total population of all member towns in the regional educational  
191 service center. The ranking of each regional educational service center  
192 shall be rounded to the next higher whole number and each such center  
193 shall receive the same reimbursement percentage as would a town with  
194 the same rank.

195 (3) The governing authority for a state charter school may receive a  
196 grant equal to a percentage of its eligible expenses that is the same as  
197 the town in which such state charter school is located, as calculated  
198 pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection.

199 (4) The Department of Education, on behalf of the technical high  
200 school system, may receive a grant equal to one hundred per cent of its  
201 eligible expenses.

202 (5) An incorporated or endowed high school or academy may receive  
203 a grant equal to a percentage of its eligible expenses. The percentage  
204 shall be determined by its ranking. Such ranking shall be determined by  
205 (A) multiplying the total population, as defined in section 10-261 of the  
206 general statutes, of each town which at the time of application for such  
207 school security infrastructure competitive grant has designated such  
208 school as the high school for such town for a period of not less than five  
209 years from the date of such application, by such town's percentile

210 ranking, as determined in subsection (a) of section 10-285a of the general  
211 statutes, (B) adding together the figures for each town determined under  
212 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, and (C) dividing the total  
213 computed under subparagraph (B) of this subdivision by the total  
214 population of all towns which designate the school as their high school  
215 under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision. The ranking determined  
216 pursuant to this subsection shall be rounded to the next higher whole  
217 number. Such incorporated or endowed high school or academy shall  
218 receive the reimbursement percentage of a town with the same rank.

219 (6) The supervisory agent for a nonpublic school or a licensed child  
220 care center or private preschool operator described in subdivision (7) of  
221 subsection (a) of this section may receive a grant equal to fifty per cent  
222 of its eligible expenses, provided any such grant shall not exceed fifty  
223 thousand dollars.

224 (d) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, if there are not  
225 sufficient funds to provide grants to all towns, based on the percentage  
226 determined pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, the Commissioner  
227 of Emergency Services and Public Protection, in consultation with the  
228 Commissioners of Administrative Services and Education, shall give  
229 priority to applicants on behalf of schools with the greatest need for  
230 security infrastructure, as determined by said commissioners based on  
231 school building security assessments of the schools under the  
232 jurisdiction of the town's school district conducted pursuant to this  
233 subdivision. Of the applicants on behalf of such schools with the  
234 greatest need for security infrastructure, said commissioners shall give  
235 first priority to applicants on behalf of schools that have no security  
236 infrastructure at the time of such school building security assessment  
237 and succeeding priority to applicants on behalf of schools located in  
238 priority school districts pursuant to section 10-266p of the general  
239 statutes. To be eligible for reimbursement pursuant to this section, an  
240 applicant board of education shall (A) demonstrate that it has developed  
241 and periodically practices an emergency plan at the schools under its  
242 jurisdiction and that such plan has been developed in concert with  
243 applicable state or local first-responders, and (B) provide for a uniform



244 assessment of the schools under its jurisdiction, including any security  
245 infrastructure, using the National Clearinghouse for Educational  
246 Facilities' Safe Schools Facilities Checklist. The assessment shall be  
247 conducted under the supervision of the local law enforcement agency.

248 (2) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, to June 30, 2018, and the  
249 fiscal years ending June 30, 2020, to June 30, 2021, if there are not  
250 sufficient funds to provide grants to all applicants that are towns,  
251 regional educational service centers, governing authorities for state  
252 charter schools, the Department of Education, on behalf of the technical  
253 high school system, and incorporated or endowed high schools or  
254 academies based on the percentage determined pursuant to subsection  
255 (c) of this section, the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public  
256 Protection, in consultation with the Commissioners of Administrative  
257 Services and Education, shall give priority to applicants on behalf of  
258 schools with the greatest need for security infrastructure, as determined  
259 by said commissioners based on school building security assessments of  
260 the schools under the jurisdiction of the applicant conducted pursuant  
261 to this subdivision. Of the applicants on behalf of such schools with the  
262 greatest need for security infrastructure, said commissioners shall give  
263 first priority to applicants on behalf of schools that have no security  
264 infrastructure at the time of such school building security assessment  
265 and succeeding priority to applicants on behalf of schools located in  
266 priority school districts pursuant to section 10-266p of the general  
267 statutes. To be eligible for reimbursement pursuant to this section, an  
268 applicant shall (A) demonstrate that it has developed and periodically  
269 practices an emergency plan at the schools under its jurisdiction and  
270 that such plan has been developed in concert with applicable state or  
271 local first-responders, and (B) provide for a uniform assessment of the  
272 schools under its jurisdiction, including any security infrastructure,  
273 using the National Clearinghouse for Educational Facilities' Safe  
274 Schools Facilities Checklist. The assessment shall be conducted under  
275 the supervision of the local law enforcement agency.

276 (3) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, to June 30, 2018, and the  
277 fiscal years ending June 30, 2020, to June 30, 2021, if there are not

278 sufficient funds to provide grants to all applicant supervisory agents for  
 279 nonpublic schools or licensed child care center or private preschool  
 280 operators described in subdivision (7) of subsection (a) of this section,  
 281 based on the percentages described in subsection (c) of this section, the  
 282 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, in  
 283 consultation with the Commissioners of Administrative Services and  
 284 Education, shall give priority to applicants on behalf of schools, centers  
 285 or preschools with the greatest need for security infrastructure, as  
 286 determined by said commissioners. Of the applicants on behalf of such  
 287 schools, centers or preschools with the greatest need for security  
 288 infrastructure, said commissioners shall give first priority to applicants  
 289 on behalf of schools, centers or preschools that have no security  
 290 infrastructure at the time of application. To be eligible for  
 291 reimbursement pursuant to this section, an applicant supervisory agent  
 292 for a nonpublic school or licensed child care center or private preschool  
 293 operator described in subdivision (7) of subsection (a) of this section  
 294 shall (A) demonstrate that it has developed and periodically practices  
 295 an emergency plan at the school, center or preschool under its  
 296 jurisdiction and that such plan has been developed in concert with  
 297 applicable state or local first-responders, and (B) provide for a uniform  
 298 assessment of the schools, centers or preschools under its jurisdiction,  
 299 including any security infrastructure, using the National Clearinghouse  
 300 for Educational Facilities' Safe Schools Facilities Checklist. The  
 301 assessment shall be conducted under the supervision of the local law  
 302 enforcement agency.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2025	New section
Sec. 2	July 1, 2025	PA 13-3, Sec. 84

**PS**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

*The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.*

## **OFA Fiscal Note**

### **State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection	GF - Cost	88,000	88,000
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits <sup>1</sup>	GF - Cost	35,825	35,825
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

### **Municipal Impact:**

Municipalities	Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Various Local Boards of Education	Cost/Savings	See Below	See Below

### **Explanation**

The bill, which requires the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) administer a program to give grants to local or regional boards of education for services to provide school mapping data, results in a cost to the state of at least \$123,825 in FY 26 and FY 27. The cost is contingent upon funding being made available for the grant program.<sup>2</sup>

Given the expected number and complexity of applications to be

<sup>1</sup>The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 40.71% of payroll in FY 26.

<sup>2</sup>The bill does not allocate funds from any source. Historically, DESPP has received funds for similar programs from a variety of sources including appropriations, bond authorizations, and federal funds (including ARPA). If DESPP receives state funding, it is assumed to be a general fund appropriation or bond authorization.

submitted under this program, DESPP will need to hire one Emergency Management Program Specialist, resulting in a cost to DESPP of \$88,000 for salary and other expenses and a cost to the Office of the State Comptroller of \$35,825 for fringe benefits in FY 26 and FY 27.

A district that chooses not to participate in the grant program will incur no fiscal impact. A district that chooses to participate will incur a cost to build school mapping data. This cost would be at least partially offset by grant funding it receives from DESPP under the bill's provisions. The net impact to districts will depend on: (1) the per facility cost of building school mapping data; (2) the number of facilities mapped; and (3) the grant funding provided by DESPP.

The typical cost of services to provide school mapping data for one building is approximately \$4,000 to \$5,000. There are 900 to 1,100 eligible school buildings in the state.

### ***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to funding being made available for the grant program and employee wage increases.

**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 1382*****AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL MAPPING DATA SERVICES.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) to annually administer, using available appropriations, a grant program to local or regional boards of education (school boards) for services to generate school mapping data. The data is generally intended for use by the public safety agencies responsible for directly providing emergency services to the specific school.

The bill also adds school mapping data services to the list of purposes eligible for funds from the existing School Security Infrastructure Competitive Grant Program (SSICG), which provides funding to school districts to implement security infrastructure improvements (see BACKGROUND).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025

**§ 1 — SCHOOL MAPPING DATA GRANTS**

The bill requires DESPP to administer a program to give grants to school boards so the boards can give school mapping data to the public safety agencies that directly provide emergency services to the schools being mapped. School boards that receive a grant must share the data at no cost.

The bill allows school boards to apply for a grant if the data:

1. is compatible with the software platforms used by (a) agencies responsible for directly providing emergency services to each school and (b) the schools themselves so there is no need to buy more software or spend additional money to access the data;

2. is printable and able to be used in agencies' existing interactive mobile digital platforms;
3. is confirmed accurate by the data producer by way of conducting a walk-through of the school campus;
4. is oriented true north and overlaid with gridded "x" and "y" coordinates;
5. has accurate floor plans overlaid on current and verified aerial imagery of the school campus;
6. has labels that match the structure of the school campus, to include rooms, hallway names, external door and stairway numbers, hazards, critical utilities, key boxes, automated external defibrillators (AEDs), trauma kits, parking areas, athletic fields, surrounding roads, and neighboring properties;
7. cannot be modified without associated updates being made to the data in the agencies' software platforms; and
8. provided to the school board and agencies at no additional cost.

The bill requires DESPP, by October 1, 2025, to develop grant program eligibility criteria, application forms, and deadlines. This information must be posted in an obvious place on the DESPP website with a description of the program.

The bill also requires DESPP to annually submit a report, beginning January 1, 2027, to the Public Safety Committee that includes information on the number of grant applications received, the number of grants made, and a list of schools that received school mapping services because of the grant.

## **§ 2 — EXPANDING THE SCHOOL SECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM**

Lastly, the bill adds school mapping data services to the list of purposes the existing SSICG program may be used to for. The provision

expanding the SSICG to include school mapping data services does not require the mapping data services meet the requirements the bill sets for the new DESPP grant created in the bill (see § 1).

## **BACKGROUND**

### **SSICG**

The SSICG provides funding to reimburse applicants that implement security infrastructure improvements. Reimbursable improvements include, among others, security cameras, radios, and panic buttons. In addition to school boards, other eligible applicants include (1) towns, (2) regional education service centers, (3) charter schools, (4) incorporated or endowed high schools or academies, and (5) nonpublic (i.e. private) schools.

## **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea    29      Nay   0      (03/18/2025)