



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1216

January Session, 2025



AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEMS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 84 of public act 13-3, as amended by section 15 of
2 public act 13-122, section 191 of public act 13-247, section 73 of public act
3 14-98, section 1 of public act 15-5, section 1 of public act 16-171, section
4 1 of public act 17-68, section 490 of public act 17-2 of the June special
5 session and section 73 of public act 20-1, is amended to read as follows
6 *(Effective July 1, 2025):*

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

20 development or improvement of the security infrastructure of schools,
21 centers or preschools, based on the results of school building or child
22 care center building security assessments pursuant to subsection (d) of
23 this section, including, but not limited to, the installation of surveillance
24 cameras, penetration resistant vestibules, ballistic glass, solid core
25 doors, double door access, computer-controlled electronic locks, entry
26 door buzzer systems, scan card systems, panic alarms, hardware
27 associated with emergency response communications systems and
28 personal emergency communication devices, real time interoperable
29 communications and multimedia sharing infrastructure or other
30 systems; and (B) (i) the training of school personnel in the operation and
31 maintenance of the security infrastructure of school buildings, or (ii) the
32 purchase of portable entrance security devices, including, but not
33 limited to, metal detector wands and screening machines and related
34 training.

35 (b) (1) On and after April 4, 2013, each local and regional board of
36 education may, on behalf of its town or its member towns, apply, at such
37 time and in such manner as the Commissioner of Emergency Services
38 and Public Protection prescribes, to the Department of Emergency
39 Services and Public Protection for a grant for certain expenses for
40 schools under the jurisdiction of such board of education incurred on or
41 after January 1, 2013, for the purposes described in subsection (a) of this
42 section. Prior to the date that the School Safety Infrastructure Council
43 makes its initial submission of the school safety infrastructure
44 standards, pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-292r of the general
45 statutes, the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public
46 Protection, in consultation with the Commissioners of Administrative
47 Services and Education, shall determine which expenses are eligible for
48 reimbursement under the program. On and after the date that the School
49 Safety Infrastructure Council submits the school safety infrastructure
50 standards, the decision to approve or deny an application and the
51 determination of which expenses are eligible for reimbursement under
52 the program shall be in accordance with the most recent submission of
53 the school safety infrastructure standards, pursuant to subsection (c) of

54 section 10-292r of the general statutes.

55 (2) A regional educational service center may apply, at such time and
56 in such manner as the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public
57 Protection prescribes, to the Department of Emergency Services and
58 Public Protection for a grant for certain expenses for schools under the
59 jurisdiction of such regional educational service center incurred on or
60 after January 1, 2013, for the purposes described in subsection (a) of this
61 section. The department shall decide whether to approve or deny an
62 application and which expenses are eligible for reimbursement under
63 the program. Such decisions shall be in accordance with the school
64 safety infrastructure standards developed pursuant to subsection (c) of
65 section 10-292r of the general statutes.

66 (3) The governing authority for a state charter school may apply, at
67 such time and in such manner as the Commissioner of Emergency
68 Services and Public Protection prescribes, to the Department of
69 Emergency Services and Public Protection for a grant for certain
70 expenses for schools under the jurisdiction of such governing authority
71 incurred on or after January 1, 2013, for the purposes described in
72 subsection (a) of this section. The department shall decide whether to
73 approve or deny an application and which expenses are eligible for
74 reimbursement under the program. Such decisions shall be in
75 accordance with the school safety infrastructure standards developed
76 pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-292r of the general statutes.

77 (4) The superintendent of the technical high school system may
78 apply, at such time and in such manner as the Commissioner of
79 Emergency Services and Public Protection prescribes, to the Department
80 of Emergency Services and Public Protection for a grant for certain
81 expenses for schools in the technical high school system incurred on or
82 after January 1, 2013, for the purposes described in subsection (a) of this
83 section. The department shall decide whether to approve or deny an
84 application and which expenses are eligible for reimbursement under
85 the program. Such decisions shall be in accordance with the school
86 safety infrastructure standards developed pursuant to subsection (c) of

87 section 10-292r of the general statutes.

88 (5) An incorporated or endowed high school or academy may apply,
89 at such time and in such manner as the Commissioner of Emergency
90 Services and Public Protection prescribes, to the Department of
91 Emergency Services and Public Protection for a grant for certain
92 expenses incurred on or after January 1, 2013, for the purposes described
93 in subsection (a) of this section. The department shall decide whether to
94 approve or deny an application and which expenses are eligible for
95 reimbursement under the program. Such decisions shall be in
96 accordance with the school safety infrastructure standards developed
97 pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-292r of the general statutes.

98 (6) (A) The supervisory agent for a nonpublic school or a licensed
99 child care center or private preschool operator described in subdivision
100 (7) of subsection (a) of this section may apply, at such time and in such
101 manner as the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public
102 Protection prescribes, to the Department of Emergency Services and
103 Public Protection for a grant for certain expenses for schools under the
104 jurisdiction of such supervisory agent or for such licensed child care
105 centers or private preschools incurred on or after January 1, 2013, for the
106 purposes described in subsection (a) of this section. The department
107 shall decide whether to approve or deny an application and which
108 expenses are eligible for reimbursement under the program. Such
109 decisions shall be in accordance with the school safety infrastructure
110 standards developed pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-292r of the
111 general statutes.

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

117 (c) (1) A town may receive a grant equal to a percentage of its eligible
118 expenses. The percentage shall be determined as follows: (A) Each town

119 shall be ranked in descending order from one to one hundred sixty-nine
120 according to town wealth, as defined in subdivision (26) of section 10-
121 262f of the general statutes, (B) based upon such ranking, a percentage
122 of not less than twenty or more than eighty shall be assigned to each
123 town on a continuous scale, and (C) the town ranked first shall be
124 assigned a percentage of twenty and the town ranked last shall be
125 assigned a percentage of eighty.

126 (2) A regional educational service center may receive a grant equal to
127 a percentage of its eligible expenses. The percentage shall be determined
128 by its ranking. Such ranking shall be determined by (A) multiplying the
129 population of each member town in the regional educational service
130 center by such town's ranking, as determined in subsection (a) of section
131 10-285a of the general statutes; (B) adding together the figures for each
132 town determined under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision; and (C)
133 dividing the total computed under subparagraph (B) of this subdivision
134 by the total population of all member towns in the regional educational
135 service center. The ranking of each regional educational service center
136 shall be rounded to the next higher whole number and each such center
137 shall receive the same reimbursement percentage as would a town with
138 the same rank.

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

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

146 (5) An incorporated or endowed high school or academy may receive
147 a grant equal to a percentage of its eligible expenses. The percentage
148 shall be determined by its ranking. Such ranking shall be determined by
149 (A) multiplying the total population, as defined in section 10-261 of the
150 general statutes, of each town which at the time of application for such

151 school security infrastructure competitive grant has designated such
152 school as the high school for such town for a period of not less than five
153 years from the date of such application, by such town's percentile
154 ranking, as determined in subsection (a) of section 10-285a of the general
155 statutes, (B) adding together the figures for each town determined under
156 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, and (C) dividing the total
157 computed under subparagraph (B) of this subdivision by the total
158 population of all towns which designate the school as their high school
159 under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision. The ranking determined
160 pursuant to this subsection shall be rounded to the next higher whole
161 number. Such incorporated or endowed high school or academy shall
162 receive the reimbursement percentage of a town with the same rank.

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

168 (d) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, if there are not
169 sufficient funds to provide grants to all towns, based on the percentage
170 determined pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, the Commissioner
171 of Emergency Services and Public Protection, in consultation with the
172 Commissioners of Administrative Services and Education, shall give
173 priority to applicants on behalf of schools with the greatest need for
174 security infrastructure, as determined by said commissioners based on
175 school building security assessments of the schools under the
176 jurisdiction of the town's school district conducted pursuant to this
177 subdivision. Of the applicants on behalf of such schools with the
178 greatest need for security infrastructure, said commissioners shall give
179 first priority to applicants on behalf of schools that have no security
180 infrastructure at the time of such school building security assessment
181 and succeeding priority to applicants on behalf of schools located in
182 priority school districts pursuant to section 10-266p of the general
183 statutes. To be eligible for reimbursement pursuant to this section, an
184 applicant board of education shall (A) demonstrate that it has developed

185 and periodically practices an emergency plan at the schools under its
186 jurisdiction and that such plan has been developed in concert with
187 applicable state or local first-responders, and (B) provide for a uniform
188 assessment of the schools under its jurisdiction, including any security
189 infrastructure, using the National Clearinghouse for Educational
190 Facilities' Safe Schools Facilities Checklist. The assessment shall be
191 conducted under the supervision of the local law enforcement agency.

192 (2) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, to June 30, 2018, and the
193 fiscal years ending June 30, 2020, to June 30, 2021, if there are not
194 sufficient funds to provide grants to all applicants that are towns,
195 regional educational service centers, governing authorities for state
196 charter schools, the Department of Education, on behalf of the technical
197 high school system, and incorporated or endowed high schools or
198 academies based on the percentage determined pursuant to subsection
199 (c) of this section, the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public
200 Protection, in consultation with the Commissioners of Administrative
201 Services and Education, shall give priority to applicants on behalf of
202 schools with the greatest need for security infrastructure, as determined
203 by said commissioners based on school building security assessments of
204 the schools under the jurisdiction of the applicant conducted pursuant
205 to this subdivision. Of the applicants on behalf of such schools with the
206 greatest need for security infrastructure, said commissioners shall give
207 first priority to applicants on behalf of schools that have no security
208 infrastructure at the time of such school building security assessment
209 and succeeding priority to applicants on behalf of schools located in
210 priority school districts pursuant to section 10-266p of the general
211 statutes. To be eligible for reimbursement pursuant to this section, an
212 applicant shall (A) demonstrate that it has developed and periodically
213 practices an emergency plan at the schools under its jurisdiction and
214 that such plan has been developed in concert with applicable state or
215 local first-responders, and (B) provide for a uniform assessment of the
216 schools under its jurisdiction, including any security infrastructure,
217 using the National Clearinghouse for Educational Facilities' Safe
218 Schools Facilities Checklist. The assessment shall be conducted under

219 the supervision of the local law enforcement agency.

220 (3) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, to June 30, 2018, and the
 221 fiscal years ending June 30, 2020, to June 30, 2021, if there are not
 222 sufficient funds to provide grants to all applicant supervisory agents for
 223 nonpublic schools or licensed child care center or private preschool
 224 operators described in subdivision (7) of subsection (a) of this section,
 225 based on the percentages described in subsection (c) of this section, the
 226 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, in
 227 consultation with the Commissioners of Administrative Services and
 228 Education, shall give priority to applicants on behalf of schools, centers
 229 or preschools with the greatest need for security infrastructure, as
 230 determined by said commissioners. Of the applicants on behalf of such
 231 schools, centers or preschools with the greatest need for security
 232 infrastructure, said commissioners shall give first priority to applicants
 233 on behalf of schools, centers or preschools that have no security
 234 infrastructure at the time of application. To be eligible for
 235 reimbursement pursuant to this section, an applicant supervisory agent
 236 for a nonpublic school or licensed child care center or private preschool
 237 operator described in subdivision (7) of subsection (a) of this section
 238 shall (A) demonstrate that it has developed and periodically practices
 239 an emergency plan at the school, center or preschool under its
 240 jurisdiction and that such plan has been developed in concert with
 241 applicable state or local first-responders, and (B) provide for a uniform
 242 assessment of the schools, centers or preschools under its jurisdiction,
 243 including any security infrastructure, using the National Clearinghouse
 244 for Educational Facilities' Safe Schools Facilities Checklist. The
 245 assessment shall be conducted under the supervision of the local law
 246 enforcement agency.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	July 1, 2025	PA 13-3, Sec. 84
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KID Joint Favorable Subst.

