
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 1216

AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEMS.

SUMMARY

This bill allows the school security infrastructure competitive grant program to be used for purchasing the hardware associated with emergency response communications systems and personal emergency communication devices for school (or other eligible entity) personnel.

Under existing law, the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, the Department of Administrative Services, and the State Department of Education collectively administer this grant. It can be given to various entities, such as towns (for their public schools), private schools, and certain licensed child care centers.

BACKGROUND

School Security Infrastructure Competitive Grant Program

Under existing law, this program reimburses approved applicants, within certain limits, for (1) developing or improving security infrastructure, based on a required security assessment, and (2) (a) training school personnel in operating and maintaining the new or improved security structure or (b) purchasing portable entrance security devices.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025

COMMITTEE ACTION

Committee on Children

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 17 Nay 0 2/25/2025