
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)