OLR Bill Analysis sSB 1382 (File 485, as amended by Senate "A")*

AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL MAPPING DATA SERVICES.

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) to annually administer, using available appropriations, a grant program to give municipalities and municipal police departments funds 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 certain schools in their jurisdiction.

*Senate Amendment "A" (1) removes the underlying bill's provisions on the school security infrastructure competitive grant program, (2) authorizes (instead of requires) DESPP to carry out the school mapping grant program, and (3) directs the grants to the municipalities and their police departments instead of local or regional boards of education.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025

SCHOOL MAPPING DATA GRANTS

The bill allows DESPP to administer a program giving grants to municipalities and municipal police departments for mapping data services of one or more schools within their jurisdiction. Grantees must share the data with the local or regional board of education and local, state, and federal public safety agencies responsible for providing emergency services to the schools that are mapped through the grant. This data must be provided at no cost.

Under the bill, municipalities and municipal police departments may apply if the data:

1. is compatible with the software platforms already used by (a) the schools that will receive the data mapping services and (b)

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agencies responsible for directly providing emergency services to these schools so there is no need to buy more software or pay a fee to access the data;

- 2. is printable and able to be digitally used in existing interactive mobile digital platforms;
- 3. is confirmed accurate by the data producer by conducting a walkthrough 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 to the data in the agencies' software platforms; and
- 8. is given to the relevant agencies and boards of education at no additional fee beyond the initial cost of producing the data.

The bill requires DESPP, by October 1, 2025, to develop the program's eligibility criteria, application forms, and deadlines. This information must be posted in an obvious place on DESPP's 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 and Security Committee that includes information on the number of grant applications received, the number of grants made, and a list of municipalities and municipal police departments that received school mapping services because of these grants.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Yea 29 Nay 0 (03/18/2025)