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AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING CERTAIN EVIDENCE AND RECORDS, FIREARM INFORMATION, SECURITY GUARDS, FIREARM TRANSFERS AND SCHOOL SECURITY GRANTS.

## AMENDMENT

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### ***OFA Fiscal Note***

### ***Potential Cost***

The amendment results in a potential cost to the state of at least \$123,825 and a potential cost to municipalities and municipal police departments in FY 26 and FY 27, by allowing the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) to administer a program to give grants to municipalities and municipal police departments for services to provide school mapping data.

Depending on if funding is available for the grant program<sup>1</sup> and the number and complexity of applications submitted, DESPP may 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<sup>2</sup> in FY 26

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<sup>1</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.

<sup>2</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.

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and FY 27.

A municipality or municipal police department 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 amendment's provisions. The net impact to municipalities and municipal police departments 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.

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