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PA 25-102—sSB 1216 Committee on Children

AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEMS

SUMMARY: This act specifically allows the school security infrastructure competitive grant program to be used for reimbursing the purchase of hardware associated with emergency response communications systems and personal emergency communication devices

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 program. The program reimburses approved applicants, within certain limits, for (1) developing or improving security infrastructure, based on a required security assessment, and (2) training school personnel in operating and maintaining the new or improved security infrastructure or purchasing portable entrance security devices. Eligible entities include, among others, towns (for their public schools), private schools, and certain licensed child care centers.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025