

2SSB 5197 - H COMM AMD
By Committee on Capital Budget

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.320
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 School districts must work collaboratively with local law
6 enforcement agencies and school security personnel to develop an
7 emergency response system using evolving technology to expedite the
8 response and arrival of law enforcement in the event of a threat or
9 emergency at a school. School districts are encouraged to use the
10 model policies developed by the school safety advisory committee of the
11 office of the superintendent of public instruction as a resource. Each
12 school district must submit a progress report on its implementation of
13 an emergency response system as required under this section to the
14 office of the superintendent of public instruction by December 1, 2014.

15 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.335.010 and 1969 ex.s. c 223 s 28A.58.102 are each
16 amended to read as follows:

17 (1) Every board of directors, unless otherwise specifically
18 provided by law, shall:

19 ~~((1))~~ (a) Cause all school buildings to be properly heated,
20 lighted, and ventilated and maintained in a clean and sanitary
21 condition; and

22 ~~((2))~~ (b) Maintain and repair, furnish, and insure such school
23 buildings.

24 (2) Every board of directors, unless otherwise specifically
25 provided by law, shall also:

26 (a) Consider installing a perimeter security control mechanism or
27 system on all school campuses, as appropriate to the design of the
28 campus; and

1 (b) For new school construction projects or remodeling projects of
2 more than forty percent of an existing school building that are
3 initiated after the effective date of this section, consider school
4 building plans and designs that promote:

5 (i) An optimal level of security for the specific school site that
6 incorporates evolving technology and best practices to protect students
7 and staff in the event of a threat during school hours;

8 (ii) Direct control and observation of the public entering school
9 grounds; and

10 (iii) The public entering school grounds through as few entrances
11 as possible, such as through the main entrance of a school's
12 administrative offices.

13 (3) The purpose of subsection (2) of this section is to promote
14 generally the safety of all students and staff in Washington public
15 schools. Nothing in subsection (2) of this section creates any civil
16 liability for school districts, or creates a new cause of action or new
17 theory of negligence against a school district board of directors, a
18 school district, or the state.

19 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. (1) The school safety advisory committee
20 convened by the office of the superintendent of public instruction
21 shall develop model policies and strategies for school districts and
22 local law enforcement agencies to design emergency response systems
23 using evolving technology to expedite the response and arrival of law
24 enforcement in the event of a threat or emergency at a school. The
25 committee shall develop policies and strategies appropriate for a range
26 of different threat or emergency scenarios.

27 (2)(a) The school safety advisory committee shall also develop
28 recommendations related to incorporating school safety features in the
29 planning and design of new or remodeled school facilities. The
30 recommendations shall address, at a minimum:

31 (i) Options to address public access to school buildings and
32 grounds;

33 (ii) Interior design features to address public access to
34 classrooms; and

35 (iii) Options and best practices to protect students and staff in
36 the event of a threat during school hours.

1 (b) The recommendations shall consider and provide flexibility
2 regarding varying campus designs, geographic locations, site-specific
3 needs, grade-level configurations, cost-effectiveness, and coordination
4 with local law enforcement in a manner suitable to the locale.

5 (3) The school safety advisory committee shall submit a report to
6 the education committees of the legislature by December 1, 2013, and
7 post the report, model policies and recommendations developed under
8 this section, and other resource information to assist school districts
9 on the school safety center web site.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 Subject to funds appropriated specifically for this purpose, the
13 office of the superintendent of public instruction shall allocate
14 grants to school districts on a competitive basis for the purpose of
15 implementing emergency response systems using evolving technology to
16 expedite the response and arrival of law enforcement in the event of a
17 threat or emergency at a school."

18 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Makes the following changes to the underlying bill:
Rather than requiring districts either to develop a panic alarm system or use a model policy for a panic alarm system, requires districts to work with local law enforcement to develop an "emergency response system" to expedite the response and arrival of law enforcement in the event of a threat or emergency. Encourages districts to use model policies developed by the School Safety Advisory Committee (SSAC) for this purpose. Requires districts to submit a progress report to OSPI by December 1, 2014.
Requires school districts to consider, rather than strongly consider or give preference to, installing perimeter security control and using building designs with certain safety features.
States that the purpose of the provisions requiring school districts to consider installing perimeter security control on all campuses and consider certain safety features in the design of new construction or major remodeling of school facilities is to promote safety. States that nothing in these provisions creates civil liability or creates a new cause of action or new theory of negligence against a school board, school district, or the state.
Directs the SSAC to develop model policies regarding emergency response appropriate for a range of scenarios. Also directs the SSAC

to develop recommendations for incorporating specified school safety features in the planning and design of new or remodeled facilities. Requires a report by December 1, 2013, with related information and recommendations to be posted on the web site.

Directs the OSPI to allocate grants on a competitive basis, if funds are appropriated, for districts to implement emergency response systems.

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