
SENATE BILL 5656

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By Senators Torres and Dozier

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing the school security and
2 preparedness infrastructure grant program; and adding a new section
3 to chapter 28A.335 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.335
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The school security and preparedness infrastructure grant
8 program is created in the office of the superintendent of public
9 instruction. Subject to the availability of funds appropriated for
10 this purpose, the office of the superintendent of public instruction
11 must establish a competitive grant program to increase the physical
12 security of K-12 public school facilities and campuses.

13 (2) Public school districts are eligible to apply for the grants.
14 Eligible projects include:

15 (a) Entrance and door security;

16 (b) Fencing;

17 (c) Perimeter security infrastructure;

18 (d) Construction or infrastructure projects designed to direct
19 the public entering school grounds through as few entrances as
20 possible, such as through the main entrance of a school
21 administrative office;

1 (e) Repair or upgrades of existing physical security
2 infrastructure;

3 (f) Infrastructure designed to assist with or expedite law
4 enforcement response to a threat or emergency within the school
5 grounds; and

6 (g) Planning grants for improved security on campuses.

7 (3) No more than three percent of each grant may be expended by
8 the grant recipients for management and administration of the grant.

9 (4) The office of the superintendent of public instruction must
10 develop an application process and project evaluation criteria to
11 evaluate applications. Priority for awards must be based on physical
12 security needs and resulting improved safety. No award per district
13 may exceed \$2,000,000 in a biennium.

14 (5) Beginning December 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, the
15 office of the superintendent of public instruction must provide a
16 progress report to the fiscal committees of the legislature. The
17 report must include:

18 (a) The total amount of applications and amount of funding
19 requested; and

20 (b) A list and description of projects approved for funding.

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