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C-4 School Safety and Security

House Sub. for SB 109 (2018) included provisions regarding school safety and security. These provisions included school safety grants, statewide standards for securing schools, school safety plans, and emergency preparedness drills.

School Safety and Security Grants

SB 109 created the School Safety and Security Grant Fund (Fund) in the Kansas State Department of Education and transferred \$5.0 million from the State General Fund (SGF) to the Fund for FY 2019. The Fund is controlled by the State Board of Education (State Board) and is designed to provide grant moneys to school districts for school safety and security improvements. School districts are required to match the amount of the grant on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

For FY 2019, the State Board awarded grants to 156 of the state's 286 school districts. The average grant was \$32,268. The smallest grant was awarded to Healy (USD 468) for \$1,043, and the largest was awarded to Wichita (USD 259) for \$922,613.

Statewide Standards for Securing Schools

The State Board is required to develop and adopt statewide standards for making all public schools safe and secure. SB 109 requires those standards to include, but not be limited to, the infrastructure of school buildings, security technology utilized in schools, and communication systems. When developing these standards, the State Board must consult with the Adjutant General's Department, Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI), Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), and the State Fire Marshal. The State Board may also consult with other state or local agencies or school districts if deemed necessary. The standards must be developed by January 1, 2019.

School Safety Plans

The State Board is also required to adopt statewide standards for school safety and security plans by January 1, 2019. These standards must include, but are not limited to:

- Evaluation of school building infrastructure;
- Training of school district employees on safety policies;
- Procedures for notification, securing a building during an emergency, emergency evacuation, and recovery after an emergency;

- Incorporation of school safety plans into existing emergency response plans;
- Distribution of school safety plans to pertinent local agencies; and
- Procedures to ensure school safety plans are implemented.

When developing these standards, the State Board is required to consult with the Adjutant General's Department, KBI, KDHE, and the State Fire Marshal. The State Board may also consult with other state or local agencies or school districts if deemed necessary.

Local boards of education are required to adopt a comprehensive school safety plan based on the standards adopted by the State Board. School districts must consult with local law enforcement and emergency management agencies to review school infrastructure and existing emergency response plans. Adopted school safety plans must be sent to the State Board and each local agency the school district consulted with during the creation of the plan.

Emergency Preparedness Drills

SB 109 requires the State Fire Marshal to expend moneys to require administrators of public and private schools to conduct at least 16 emergency preparedness drills during the school year and to prescribe the manner in which such drills are to be conducted. The drills must include:

- Four fire drills;
- Three tornado drills; and
- Nine crisis drills, such as intruder response drills and lock-down drills.

Expiration of Provisions

Since these school safety provisions were included in the budget bill in the 2018 Session, they only apply to the current school year (2018-2019) and will expire after June 30, 2019.

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