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Fiscal Note On: **SB 126** SLS 25RS 286
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Opp. Chamb. Action: **w/ HSE COMM AMD**

Proposed Amd.:
Sub. Bill For.:

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| Date: June 8, 2025 | 6:18 PM | Author: KLEINPETER |
| Dept./Agy.: Education | | |
| Subject: Implements the “Protect Our Children and Response Act” | | Analyst: Julie Silva |

SCHOOLS RR1 +\$2,400,000 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 2
Provides for school mapping data of public school buildings and facilities. (8/1/25)

Proposed legislation, to be known as the “Protect Our Children and Response Act,” requires the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) and the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) to coordinate with the Louisiana Center for Safe Schools to provide mapping data of all public schools in order to provide law enforcement the appropriate tools needed for school safety. Proposed legislation provides guidelines for the data necessary for inclusion and exempts this data from the Public Records Law. Provides for phased-in implementation, beginning in the school year immediately proceeding the effective date of this Act with schools constructed within the prior five years and continuing in future fiscal years, as funding is appropriated, based on the maximum capacity of school site facilities. Effective when an Act of the legislature containing a specific appropriation for this purpose is enacted.

| EXPENDITURES | 2025-26 | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 | 2029-30 | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
|----------------|---------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| State Gen. Fd. | \$0 | \$2,400,000 | \$2,400,000 | \$2,400,000 | \$2,400,000 | \$9,600,000 |
| Agy. Self-Gen. | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Ded./Other | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Federal Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Local Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Annual Total | \$0 | \$2,400,000 | \$2,400,000 | \$2,400,000 | \$2,400,000 | \$9,600,000 |
| REVENUES | 2025-26 | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 | 2029-30 | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
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| Local Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Annual Total | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

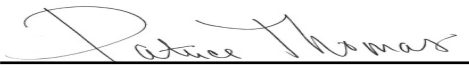
Proposed legislation is anticipated to result in an increase in SGF expenditures. Based on information provided by the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) and local school systems, the cost for the collection and storage of school mapping data will be dependent on the methodology used, but is estimated at \$12 M, or \$2.4 M during each year of the phase-in provided in proposed legislation. Implementation of the “Protect Our Children and Response Act” is contingent upon annual appropriation of funds by the legislature. To the extent local school systems have implemented the provisions of proposed legislation, the costs provided below are expected to be lower.

Requirements that the digital mapping of every school is to include site-specific labeling that matches the structure of school buildings including room labels, hallway names, and external door or stairwell numbers and locations of hazards, critical utility locations, key boxes, automated external defibrillators, and trauma kits, are expected to result in an estimated 80 hours of work per building. Assuming the cost of a technician is \$75 per hour and there are approximately 2,000 buildings statewide that would need to be mapped, the total cost is estimated at \$12 M (80 hours x \$75 per hour x 2,000 buildings). This estimate does not include costs for project management, data storage and display, or any other potential operations costs of the project as those costs are indeterminable. LDOE provides while maintenance costs are anticipated beyond the initial collection of mapping data to ensure it remains up-to-date and accurate, those costs are indeterminable at this time. Some local school systems report they already contract with firms to perform some or all of the mapping required, which may result in a decrease to the estimated costs provided above. Several school systems responded with estimates for their individual systems. An average cost of \$175,000 per system is assumed based on the provided information. Applying this average to the 69 local and parish public school systems statewide, total initial mapping costs are estimated to be \$12.1 M.

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REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H} | | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} |  |
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Proposed legislation calls for phased-in implementation, beginning in year one with school sites constructed within the prior five years and continuing in future fiscal years, as funding is appropriated, based on student capacity. LDOE provided a breakdown of school sites on student capacity; however, the department is not able to accurately assess the number of school sites constructed within the last five years as new site codes can be assigned to preexisting facilities in certain circumstances. **Based on available information, the LFO assumes a total cost of \$12 M will be divided evenly over a five-year period, for an annual estimated cost of \$2.4 M.** Data on the number of school sites by maximum capacity is included for informational purposes below.

| # of School Sites | Maximum Capacity |
|-------------------|------------------|
| 90 | 3,727 |
| 278 | 995 |
| 607 | 598 |
| 403 | 299 |

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