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Requires mandatory reporting of school threats and provides for physical security school assessments for K-12 schools. (8/1/26)

Proposed legislation updates school safety requirements and establishes a statewide physical security assessment process for public elementary and secondary schools. The measure requires school employees to report threats of violence or terrorism to local law enforcement and school administrators and requires local law enforcement to forward certain threat information to the Louisiana Fusion Center. Beginning 1/01/27, the Fusion Center must conduct physical security assessments of public schools on a rotating schedule and provide written reports to school principals and emergency response coordinators. Nonpublic and charter schools may request assessments. Assessment findings and related communications are generally privileged and not subject to public disclosure or admissibility in civil or administrative proceedings. The bill clarifies that compliance with assessment recommendations may be used as a rebuttable presumption of reasonable care and ties school security grant prioritization to improvements identified during assessments.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
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						
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed legislation is anticipated to result in annual state expenditures of approximately \$1.7 M for the Louisiana Fusion Center to conduct physical security assessments of public schools. Approximately 1,327 public elementary and secondary school campuses would be assessed on a rotating schedule, with no school assessed more than once every three years (approximately 440-450 assessments annually). Expenditures will depend on the number of assessments conducted, as well as the personnel, travel, and administrative resources required to perform site visits and prepare reports. Assessments are provided at no cost to local school systems; however, local governing authorities may incur discretionary costs to implement recommended improvements.

Proposed legislation establishes a new state-level responsibility to conduct physical security assessments of each public school facility once every three years, a function not performed under existing school-based threat assessment requirements. This will require additional personnel and operating expenditures for the Louisiana Fusion Center.

According to the Louisiana State Police (LSP), the Fusion Center would require 10 additional T.O. positions, including nine (9) Criminal Investigator III positions (\$84,989 each; \$764,901 total) and one (1) Criminal Investigator IV position (\$90,938). Related benefits are estimated at approximately \$428,421, bringing total annual personal services costs to approximately \$1.3 M. LSP also anticipates one-time equipment costs of approximately \$29,000 for laptops, tablets with infrared-based sensors, and printers, as well as ongoing operating and travel expenses of approximately \$350,000 annually. The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) is unable to independently verify the staffing levels, operating expenses, and associated costs projected by LSP. While the LFO anticipates an increased workload for the Fusion Center, actual personnel requirements may vary, and total expenditures could be higher or lower than projected.

Proposed legislation also allows schools to seek grant funding to implement safety enhancements recommended in physical security school assessments and prioritizes such funding for schools implementing identified findings or options. While the bill does not require GOHSEP to fund corrective actions, the agency provided that estimated per-school costs to address identified vulnerabilities may range from \$25,000 to \$250,000. GOHSEP estimates the provision of grants for this purpose may increase demand for funding and require 6 additional T.O. (1 Program Manager, 1 Specialist, and 4 Coordinators) at an estimated cost of \$14.6 M; however, because these provisions are permissive rather than mandatory, the LFO cannot corroborate that such costs will be realized.

Note: If enacted, HB 821 of the 2026 RS would transfer the Louisiana Center for Safe Schools from GOHSEP to the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice (LCLE), including the associated school safety grant programs referenced in proposed legislation.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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