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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.

The legislation authorizes, rather than requires, the Fusion Center to conduct physical security assessments of public schools upon request and to provide written reports to school principals and emergency response coordinators. Nonpublic and charter schools may also request such assessments. Proposed legislation further provides 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 | | | | | | |
| REVENUES | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 | 2029-30 | 2030-31 | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
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| 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 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed legislation may increase state expenditures for the Louisiana Fusion Center to the extent public, charter, or nonpublic schools request physical security assessments. The number of assessments conducted annually is indeterminable. However, each school may request an assessment no more than once every three years.

To the extent participation approaches full statewide utilization (approximately 1,327 public school campuses assessed on a three-year rotation, or 440-450 assessments per year), expenditures could approach \$1.7 M annually based on estimates provided by the Louisiana State Police (LSP). These estimates include approximately \$1.3 M in personal services for 10 additional positions and approximately \$350,000 in operating and travel expenses, as well as one-time equipment costs of approximately \$29,000. 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 and total expenditures may vary depending on the number of assessments requested.

Assessments are provided at no cost to schools; however, local governing authorities may incur discretionary costs to implement recommended improvements. The legislation also allows schools to seek grant funding to implement safety enhancements identified through assessments and prioritizes such funding for schools implementing recommended improvements. While funding is not required, increased demand for such grants may result depending on participation; any associated state costs are indeterminable.

The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) indicates that estimated per-school costs to address identified vulnerabilities may range from \$25,000 to \$250,000. GOHSEP further estimates that increased demand for grant funding could require six additional T.O. positions (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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