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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.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed legislation authorizes the Louisiana Fusion Center to conduct physical security assessments upon request by public, private, and charter schools, within existing resources; therefore, any increase in expenditures for this purpose is expected to be minimal and dependent on available capacity.

The provisions of proposed legislation are contingent upon the availability of funding and resources to carry out its requirements. For informational purposes, if schools participate at a rate of approximately 1/3 of campuses annually, the Louisiana State Police (LSP) anticipates the following increases in staffing and expenditures. At full statewide utilization (approximately 1,327 public school campuses assessed on a three-year rotation, or 440-450 assessments per year), annual expenditures could approach \$1.7 M based on LSP estimates. 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.

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.

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