
 DIGEST

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Access to locked school facilities

Proposed law requires each public school governing authority that has not, prior to Jan. 1, 2028, instituted a system for allowing access to locked facilities to law enforcement officials and other first responders to install at least one exterior master key box on the campus of each public school under its jurisdiction. Requires the governing authority to use funds appropriated by the legislature to the La. Center for Safe Schools for such purpose.

Proposed law defines "exterior master key box" as a secure, wall-mounted, anti-theft resistant container that is installed outside a school's building to provide first responders with immediate access to the school during a school crisis to allow for rapid response and rescue.

Proposed law requires each exterior master key box to be installed at a location on the school's campus that is determined by the school board in collaboration with certain local law enforcement agencies.

Proposed law requires each master key box to meet the basic commercial applications standard for anti-theft alarms and devices.

Blueprints and school mapping data

Present law requires the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state Dept. of Education to coordinate with the La. Center for Safe Schools to provide mapping data of public schools to local law enforcement. Implementation of present law is subject to appropriation of monies by the legislature for such purpose. Requires each city, parish, and other local public school system governing authority or a vendor to submit a copy of the most recent blueprints and school mapping data of each school building and facility in the school system certain local law enforcement agencies.

Proposed law retains present law and further requires the method by which law enforcement officers and other first responders can obtain access to locked facilities, including all external and internal locks, or the location of the exterior master key box to be included in such submission with the blueprints and school mapping data.

(Amends R.S. 17:416.16.1(A)(1), (2), and (4), and (E); Adds R.S. 17:416.16.1(F))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate
Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Changes the compliance date from January 1, 2027, to January 1, 2028.
3. Changes the agency that appropriated funds will be sent to from BESE to the Louisiana Center for Safe Schools.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the engrossed bill:

1. Require public school governing authorities that have not, prior to Jan. 1, 2028, instituted a system for allowing access to locked facilities to law enforcement officials to install at least one exterior master key box on the campus of each public school under its jurisdiction, instead of requiring such installation by all governing authorities.
2. Require the method by which law enforcement officers and other first responders can obtain access to locked facilities to serve as an alternative to including the location of an exterior master key box when public school governing authorities report blueprints and school mapping data to local law enforcement.
3. Make technical changes.