

SENATE BILL NO. 132

BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:416.16.1(A)(1), (2), and (4), and (E) and to enact R.S.
3 17:416.16.1(F), relative to public school safety; to require exterior master key boxes
4 to be installed in public schools under certain circumstances; to provide for
5 installation locations; to require that certain contents be placed in the exterior master
6 key boxes; to provide for definitions; to provide for standards; and to provide for
7 related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 17:416.16.1(A)(1), (2), and (4), and (E) are hereby amended and
10 reenacted and R.S. 17:416.16.1(F) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §416.16.1. School mapping data; exterior master key box

12 A.(1) The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state
13 Department of Education shall coordinate with the Louisiana Center for Safe Schools
14 to provide the mapping data of all public schools in order to provide law enforcement
15 officials and other first responders with the appropriate tools needed for school
16 safety.

17 (2) Upon preparing a school crisis management and response plan in
18 accordance with R.S. 17:416.16 each city, parish, or other local public school system
19 governing authority or a vendor shall submit a copy of the most recent blueprints and
20 school mapping data of each school building and facility in the school system and
21 the method by which law enforcement officers and other first responders can
22 obtain access to locked facilities, including all external and internal locks, or the
23 location of the exterior master key box, to each local law enforcement agency with
24 jurisdiction over any portion of the school governing authority, each local and state
25 public safety and emergency preparedness office, the Louisiana Center for Safe
26 Schools, and to the school's office for use in response to emergencies.

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1 (4) For the purposes of this Section, the following terms shall have the
2 following meanings:

3 (a) "Exterior master key box" means a secure, wall-mounted, anti-theft
4 resistant container that is installed outside a school's building to provide first
5 responders with immediate access to the school during a school crisis to allow
6 for rapid response and rescue.

7 ~~(a)~~(b) "First responders" means local, state, and federal law enforcement
8 agencies, fire, public safety, and emergency preparedness officials.

9 ~~(b)~~(c) "School mapping data" means information provided in an electronic
10 or digital format to assist first responders in responding to emergencies at public
11 schools.

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13 E. Each public school governing authority that has not, prior to January
14 1, 2028, instituted a system for allowing access to locked facilities to law
15 enforcement officials and other first responders shall from funds appropriated
16 by the legislature to the Louisiana Center for Safe Schools, install at least one
17 exterior master key box on the campus of each public school under its
18 jurisdiction.

19 (1) Each exterior master key box is to be installed at a location on the
20 school's campus to permit first responders to gain expedited access to the school
21 building.

22 (2) The precise location of the exterior master key box shall be
23 determined by the public school governing authority in collaboration with local
24 law enforcement agencies for the jurisdiction in which the school building is
25 located.

26 (3) The exterior master key box shall contain all of the following:

27 (a) Copies of building keys or key cards to obtain entry to all doors on
28 the school campus.

29 (b) Printed maps with school mapping data that is required by this
30 Section.

1 (4) Each master key box installed at a school shall meet the basic
2 commercial applications standard for anti-theft alarms and devices as
3 prescribed under Underwriters Laboratories Standard 1037.

4 ~~E.F.~~ Blueprints and school mapping data of a public school building or
5 facility shall not be subject to the Public Records Law.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____