

# Amendment: #7

## Department of Education

Representative WHITMIRE proposes the following amendment:

Amend

1.82. (SDE: Safe Schools Initiative) (A) For the current fiscal year, the Department of Education and the State Law Enforcement Division shall continue to support, through the state level Crisis Intervention Threat Assessment Team, threat assessment ~~pre-crisis intervention~~ teams and training in school districts. By August 15, 2019 each school in the state must have identified key staff to serve on a ~~pre-crisis intervention~~ threat assessment team. The department will work with stakeholders to provide professional development to staff who will serve on the team. The state level must develop, within existing staff, a Crisis Intervention Threat Assessment Team will continue to coordinate, collect and compile Crisis Intervention Threat Assessment & School Safety Plans from each school district with their input. These plans shall be exempt from the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. 30-4-10, et seq. The Department of Education and the State Law Enforcement Division will continue to provide the Governor and the General Assembly with recommendations regarding school safety which will include any projected costs or necessary statute changes. ~~The report shall include recommendations for the General Assembly to consider which may include, but are not limited to, physical building security, bullet proof and access controlled doors, RFID chip in student identification cards, mental health services, school resource officers, and other school safety measures. Total costs associated with each recommendation shall be included in the report. If additional funding is required to implement the recommendations, the Department of Education and the State Law Enforcement Division are directed to include the recommended funds in their Fiscal Year 2019-20 agency budget plan. The report shall be submitted to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and the Governor by December 31, 2018.~~

(B) Of the lottery funds appropriated to the Department of Education for School Safety - Facility and Infrastructure Safety Upgrades, the department shall allocate the funds to school districts for the purpose of funding life safety infrastructure for school facilities projects. Eligible school facility projects shall include, but not necessarily be limited to items such as: (a) door locks, (b) security cameras, (c) metal detectors, (d) lifesaving medical equipment ~~and~~ (e) equipment related to school resource officers, excluding vehicles. For purposes of this provision, school facilities shall not include unimproved real property, centralized district administration facilities, or other facilities, including those normally identified with interscholastic sports activities.

The department shall develop and maintain an application process for school districts to request funding for qualified school projects and establish policies, procedures, and priorities for the making of grants pursuant to this provision. In establishing these procedures, the department shall utilize the school facilities report among other sources. At least twice a year and upon receipt of applications pursuant to the application process adopted by the department, the department shall prioritize the eligible projects with the greatest need and shall submit a list of recommended grant awards to the State Board of Education. Grants shall be awarded upon an affirmative vote of the State Board.

The financial assistance provided to school districts pursuant to this provision must be used for the eligible school facility project. The department is responsible for establishing policies and procedures to ensure that funds are expended in a manner consistent with this provision.

Following the close of the fiscal year, the department shall submit an annual report of its activities for the preceding year to the Governor, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.