



Bipartisan Task Force on Gun Violence Prevention and Children's Safety



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Summary of School Security Provisions

K-12 Language

- Establishes the *School Safety Infrastructure Council* which develops safety standards for school building projects.
 - The Council must have the initial standards developed by January 1, 2014 and then update them annually as necessary.
 - Requires projects reviewed by the Department of Construction Services after July 1, 2014 to comply with the school safety infrastructure standards developed by the School Safety Infrastructure Council.
 - Requires the already existing *School Building Projects Advisory Council* to include the school infrastructure safety standards developed in the model blueprints they have available to schools.
- Reauthorizes the school security infrastructure competitive grant program to reimburse towns for upgrades to school security infrastructure.
 - The reimbursement rate is the same as the districts reimbursement rate under school construction (between 20% and 80% depending on the municipality).
 - Authorizes the issuance \$15 million of bonds for the program.
- Requires the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection in consultation with the Department of Education to develop school security and safety plan standards by January 1, 2014.
 - Annually the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection submits a copy of the school security and safety standards along with any recommendations for legislation to the Public Safety and Education Committees.
- Requires that school security and safety plans be developed at each school.
 - These plans must be submitted to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection.
- Requires *safe school climate committees* established by the bullying law to investigate instances of disturbing and threatening behavior reported to it.
- Requires the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to maintain a registry of school security consultants operating in the state.

Higher Education Language

- Requires all state and independent colleges and universities in Connecticut to submit their security plan to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection.
- Requires a security and vulnerability assessment every two years.
- Requires the creation of *threat assessment teams*.
- Requires the Board of Regents for Higher Education to study the creation of a police department for the community colleges.
- Requires security audits of the state universities and community colleges to be performed by the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection.