

Subject School safety
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Overview

This bill requires a school district or charter school to adopt a school safety plan and either implement an anonymous reporting system or use and promote the Department of Public Safety's statewide anonymous threat reporting system. The bill also increases funding for the student support personnel aid program by roughly \$4 million for fiscal year 2027 (\$4.27 per pupil unit). The bill also modifies the criminal statute that regulates the possession of firearms on school property.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Crisis management policy.</p> <p>Adds model school safety plan to the model crisis management policy that the commissioner must make available to schools. Requires school districts to integrate the school safety plan into the crisis management policy to the extent practical.</p> |
| 2 | <p>School safety plans.</p> <p>Subd. 1. School Safety Center. Requires the School Safety Center at the Department of Public Safety to develop a model school safety plan, criteria to determine whether a school safety plan is evidence-based, and report on schools that have adopted an evidence-based school safety plan.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Model plan. Requires the School Safety Center to maintain and make available to school boards an evidence-based model school safety plan to prevent human-caused safety incidents.</p> <p>Subd. 3. Evidence-based. Defines "evidence-based."</p> <p>Subd. 4. Local school safety plan. Requires a school board to adopt an evidence-based school safety plan to prevent human-caused safety incidents and submit the report to the School Safety Center.</p> |

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3	<p data-bbox="318 264 716 289">Anonymous reporting system.</p> <p data-bbox="367 310 1382 373">Subd. 1. Definition; evidence-based. Incorporates the definition of “evidence-based” from section 2 of the bill.</p> <p data-bbox="367 422 1414 642">Subd. 2. Threat reporting system. Requires a district or charter school to either use and promote the Department of Public Safety’s statewide anonymous threat reporting system or implement its own local anonymous reporting system. Establishes requirements for a local system, but allows a district with a system adopted before the enactment of this bill to use the system even if it doesn’t meet the statute’s requirements.</p> <p data-bbox="367 684 1406 789">Subd. 3. Statewide system; school requirements. Requires a district or charter school that does not implement a local system to provide the community notice of the statewide system.</p> <p data-bbox="367 831 1422 978">Subd. 4. Department of Education. Requires the Department of Education to make available to schools a list of third parties that provide anonymous reporting systems that meet the bill’s requirements, and to report to the legislature on the districts and charter schools that have adopted local systems.</p> <p data-bbox="367 1020 1365 1125">Subd. 5. Funding sources. Allows the department and districts and charter schools to accept funds for the anonymous reporting system from public and private sources.</p>
4	<p data-bbox="318 1167 727 1192">Student support personnel aid.</p> <p data-bbox="318 1220 1414 1398">Increases student support personnel aid for school districts for fiscal year 2027 by \$4.27 per pupil unit. The student support personnel aid is currently at \$30.05 per pupil for fiscal year 2027, and under current law, increases to \$34.32 per pupil for fiscal year 2028 and later. This change increases the aid to \$34.32 one year earlier so has a one-time cost for slightly more than \$4 million.</p>
5	<p data-bbox="318 1440 841 1465">Possession on school property; penalty.</p> <p data-bbox="318 1493 1393 1556">Makes the following changes to the law governing possession of firearms on school property:</p> <ul data-bbox="415 1598 1414 1877" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="415 1598 1414 1703">▪ prohibits the possession of firearms at an activity or event sponsored by the Minnesota High School League if signs are posted indicating that the venue is hosting a school-related event;<li data-bbox="415 1724 1414 1787">▪ repeals the authority of a principal to permit persons to carry firearms on school property;<li data-bbox="415 1808 1414 1877">▪ extends the prohibition of carrying firearms on school property to include unimproved property owned or leased by a school; and

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- broadens the requirements for storage of firearms while on school property for: (1) a permit-to-carry holder; and (2) a person who is exempt from the general prohibition on possession of firearms on school property when that person is no longer in a status to carry a firearm on school property (e.g., ceremonial color guard, firearm safety instruction, students participating in military training, etc.).

6 Appropriation.

Appropriates an unspecified amount of money from the general fund to the Department of Education for additional student support personnel aid.



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