

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

SB 78 # 6

DIGEST

Wireless communication device. Establishes an exception to the wireless communication device policy.
Allows grants from the Indiana secured school fund to be used for certain storage pouches.

- 1 Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new
2 paragraph and insert:
3 "SECTION 1. IC 10-21-1-2, AS AMENDED BY THE
4 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2026 GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
6 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) The Indiana secured school fund is
7 established to provide:
8 (1) matching grants to school corporations, charter schools, and
9 accredited nonpublic schools, where the matching grants may be
10 used to:
11 (A) employ a school resource officer, employ a law
12 enforcement officer, or enter into a contract or a memorandum
13 of understanding with a:
14 (i) local law enforcement agency;
15 (ii) private entity; or
16 (iii) nonprofit corporation;
17 to employ a school resource officer or a law enforcement
18 officer;
19 (B) conduct:
20 (i) a site vulnerability assessment of the buildings within a
21 school corporation or the buildings that are operated by a
22 charter school or accredited nonpublic school; or
23 (ii) critical incident digital mapping of the buildings within
24 a school corporation or the buildings that are operated by a
25 charter school or accredited nonpublic school;
26 (C) purchase equipment, hardware, materials, and technology
27 to:

- 1 (i) restrict access to school property and classrooms;
- 2 (ii) assist with visitor management on school property;
- 3 (iii) expedite notification of first responders;
- 4 (iv) expedite access to school property for first responders;
- 5 (v) provide school staff with information about the open or
- 6 closed status of interior and exterior doors;
- 7 (vi) detect fire, chemical, visual, or audible threats;
- 8 (vii) enhance emergency communications inside the
- 9 building; or
- 10 (viii) assist with emergency medical response on school
- 11 property;
- 12 (D) implement a student and parent support services plan as
- 13 described in IC 20-34-9;
- 14 (E) purchase or provide training for a canine trained to detect
- 15 drugs and illegal substances, explosives, or firearms, or to
- 16 otherwise provide protection for students and school
- 17 employees and the canine shall:
- 18 (i) be primarily assigned to a school corporation, charter
- 19 school, or accredited nonpublic school;
- 20 (ii) be primarily assigned to a school resource officer or law
- 21 enforcement officer described in clause (A) who has
- 22 received appropriate training for handling a canine trained
- 23 to detect drugs and illegal substances, explosives, or
- 24 firearms, or to otherwise provide protection for students and
- 25 school employees, including training regarding handling a
- 26 canine in a school setting; and
- 27 (iii) receive continuous training as appropriate;
- 28 (F) provide funding for school employees to receive training,
- 29 including expenses for per diem, travel, and lodging, related
- 30 to:
- 31 (i) site vulnerability assessments;
- 32 (ii) mental health or behavioral health threat assessments;
- 33 (iii) multi-disciplinary threat assessment teams; or
- 34 (iv) emergency preparedness or response activities;
- 35 (G) provide funding for school resource officers or law
- 36 enforcement officers described in clause (A) to receive
- 37 training, including expenses for per diem, travel, and lodging,
- 38 related to handling a canine trained to detect drugs and illegal
- 39 substances, explosives, or firearms, or to otherwise provide
- 40 protection for students and school employees;

- 1 (H) purchase student safety management technology;
- 2 (I) design and construct additions or renovations on school
- 3 property if the primary purpose of the construction project is
- 4 to enhance the physical security of the school building;
- 5 (J) implement a bullying prevention program; or
- 6 ~~(K) develop, implement, and carry out a Stop the Bleed~~
- 7 ~~program required by IC 20-34-3-24, including for the purchase~~
- 8 ~~of bleeding control kits; and~~
- 9 **(K) purchase a storage pouch for purposes described in**
- 10 **IC 20-26-5-40.7(c)(3)(B); and**
- 11 (2) one (1) time grants to enable school corporations, charter
- 12 schools, and accredited nonpublic schools with the sheriff for the
- 13 county in which the school corporation, charter school, or
- 14 accredited nonpublic school is located, to provide the initial set up
- 15 costs for an active event warning system.
- 16 (b) A school corporation or charter school may use money received
- 17 under a matching grant for a purpose listed in subsection (a) to provide
- 18 a response to a threat in a manner that the school corporation or charter
- 19 school sees fit, including firearms training or other self-defense
- 20 training.
- 21 (c) The fund shall be administered by the department of homeland
- 22 security.
- 23 (d) The fund consists of:
- 24 (1) appropriations from the general assembly;
- 25 (2) federal grants;
- 26 (3) amounts deposited from any other public or private source;
- 27 and
- 28 (4) amounts deposited under IC 33-37-9-4.
- 29 (e) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from
- 30 money in the fund.
- 31 (f) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
- 32 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
- 33 manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that accrues
- 34 from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.
- 35 (g) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert
- 36 to the state general fund.
- 37 SECTION 2. IC 10-21-1-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.150-2023,
- 38 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 39 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) The board may award a matching grant to
- 40 enable a school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic

1 school (or a coalition of schools applying jointly) to:

2 (1) employ a school resource officer, employ a law enforcement
3 officer, or enter into a contract or memorandum of understanding
4 with a:

5 (A) local law enforcement agency;

6 (B) private entity; or

7 (C) nonprofit corporation;

8 to employ a school resource officer or a law enforcement officer;

9 (2) conduct a site vulnerability assessment of the buildings within
10 a school corporation or the buildings that are operated by a
11 charter school or accredited nonpublic school;

12 (3) conduct critical incident digital mapping of the buildings
13 within a school corporation or the buildings that are operated by
14 a charter school or accredited nonpublic school;

15 (4) purchase equipment, hardware, materials, and technology to:

16 (A) restrict access to school property and classrooms;

17 (B) assist with visitor management on school property;

18 (C) expedite notification of first responders;

19 (D) expedite access to school property for first responders;

20 (E) provide staff with information about open or closed status
21 of interior and exterior doors;

22 (F) detect fire, chemical, visual, or audible threats;

23 (G) enhance emergency communications inside the school
24 building; or

25 (H) assist with emergency medical response on school
26 property;

27 (5) implement a student and parent support services plan in the
28 manner set forth in IC 20-34-9;

29 (6) purchase or provide training for a canine trained to detect
30 drugs and illegal substances, explosives, or firearms, or to
31 otherwise provide protection for students and school employees
32 and the canine shall:

33 (A) be primarily assigned to a school corporation, charter
34 school, or accredited nonpublic school;

35 (B) be primarily assigned to a school resource officer or law
36 enforcement officer described in subdivision (1)(A) who has
37 received appropriate training for handling a canine trained to
38 detect drugs and illegal substances, explosives, or firearms, or
39 to otherwise provide protection for students and school
40 employees, including training regarding handling a canine in

- 1 a school setting; and
- 2 (C) receive continuous training as appropriate;
- 3 (7) provide funding for:
 - 4 (A) school employees to receive training, including expenses
 - 5 for per diem, travel, and lodging, related to:
 - 6 (i) site vulnerability assessments;
 - 7 (ii) mental health or behavioral health threat assessments;
 - 8 (iii) multi-disciplinary threat assessment teams; or
 - 9 (iv) emergency preparedness or response activities; or
 - 10 (B) school resource officers or law enforcement officers
 - 11 described in subdivision (1)(A) to receive training, including
 - 12 expenses for per diem, travel, and lodging, related to handling
 - 13 a canine trained to detect drugs and illegal substances,
 - 14 explosives, or firearms, or to otherwise provide protection for
 - 15 students and school employees;
 - 16 (8) design and construct additions or renovations on school
 - 17 property if the primary purpose of the construction project is to
 - 18 enhance the physical security of the school building;
 - 19 (9) provide one (1) time grants to enable school corporations,
 - 20 charter schools, and accredited nonpublic schools with the sheriff
 - 21 for the county in which the school corporation, charter school, or
 - 22 accredited nonpublic school is located to provide the initial set up
 - 23 costs for an active event warning system;
 - 24 (10) implement a bullying prevention program; ~~or~~
 - 25 (11) purchase student safety management technology; ~~or~~
 - 26 **(12) purchase a storage pouch for purposes described in**
 - 27 **IC 20-26-5-40.7(c)(3)(B);**
 - 28 in accordance with section 2(a) of this chapter.
 - 29 (b) A matching grant awarded to a school corporation, charter
 - 30 school, or accredited nonpublic school (or a coalition of schools
 - 31 applying jointly) may not exceed the lesser of the following during a
 - 32 two (2) year period beginning on or after May 1, 2013:
 - 33 (1) The total cost of the program established by the school
 - 34 corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school (or the
 - 35 coalition of schools applying jointly).
 - 36 (2) Except as provided in subsection (d), the following amounts:
 - 37 (A) Thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) per year, in the case
 - 38 of a school corporation, charter school, or accredited
 - 39 nonpublic school that:
 - 40 (i) has an ADM of at least one (1) and less than one

- 1 thousand one (1,001) students; and
 2 (ii) is not applying jointly with any other school corporation,
 3 charter school, or accredited nonpublic school.
 4 (B) Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) per year, in the case of a
 5 school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic
 6 school that:
 7 (i) has an ADM of more than one thousand (1,000) and less
 8 than five thousand one (5,001) students; and
 9 (ii) is not applying jointly with any other school corporation,
 10 charter school, or accredited nonpublic school.
 11 (C) Seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) per year, in the
 12 case of a school corporation, charter school, or accredited
 13 nonpublic school that:
 14 (i) has an ADM of more than five thousand (5,000) and less
 15 than fifteen thousand one (15,001) students; and
 16 (ii) is not applying jointly with any other school corporation,
 17 charter school, or accredited nonpublic school.
 18 (D) One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) per year, in the
 19 case of a school corporation, charter school, or accredited
 20 nonpublic school that:
 21 (i) has an ADM of more than fifteen thousand (15,000); and
 22 (ii) is not applying jointly with any other school corporation,
 23 charter school, or accredited nonpublic school.
 24 (E) One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) per year, in the
 25 case of a coalition of schools applying jointly.
 26 (c) Except as provided in subsection (d), the match requirement for
 27 a grant under this chapter is based on the ADM for the school
 28 corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school (or coalition
 29 of schools applying jointly) that is the subject of the grant as follows:
 30 (1) For a school corporation, charter school, or accredited
 31 nonpublic school with an ADM of less than five hundred one
 32 (501) students, the grant match must be twenty-five percent
 33 (25%) of the grant amount described in subsection (b).
 34 (2) For a school corporation, charter school, or accredited
 35 nonpublic school with an ADM of more than five hundred (500)
 36 and less than one thousand one (1,001) students, the grant match
 37 must be fifty percent (50%) of the grant amount described in
 38 subsection (b).
 39 (3) For a school corporation, charter school, or accredited
 40 nonpublic school with an ADM of more than one thousand

(1,000) students or a coalition of schools applying jointly, the grant match must be one hundred percent (100%) of the grant amount described in subsection (b).

(d) A school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school may be eligible to receive a grant of up to:

(1) one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) if:

(A) the school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school receives a grant match of one hundred percent (100%) of the requested grant amount; and

(B) the board approves the grant request; or

(2) for a school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school described in subsection (c)(1) or (c)(2), a grant of up to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) if:

(A) the school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school receives a grant match of fifty percent (50%) of the requested grant amount; and

(B) the board approves the grant request.

(e) A school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school may receive only one (1) matching grant under this section each year.

(f) The board may not award a grant to a school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school under this section unless the school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school is in a county that has a county school safety commission, as described in section 12 of this chapter."

Page 1, between lines 16 and 17, begin a new line blocked left and insert:

"The term does not include a device described in subsection (h)."

Page 3, between lines 9 and 10, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(h) Notwithstanding subsections (a) through (f), a student may possess and use an unobtrusive audio recording device solely for the student's individual educational notetaking or personal learning assistance if the device:

(1) is designed principally to capture spoken word audio for the purpose described in this subsection, including through recording, transcription, summarization, or other personal assistant functionality;

(2) does not capture, store, or transmit images or video;

(3) is visible to the classroom teacher or other appropriate school personnel at all times while in use;

(4) is provided to the school for inspection upon request; and
 (5) is used in a manner consistent with applicable state and
 federal law governing consent to audio recording.

(i) Except as provided in subsection (d), nothing in the
 exemption under subsection (h) shall be interpreted to limit a
 school's authority to adopt and enforce policies to control or
 restrict the possession or use of audio recording devices described
 in subsection (h), including policies that:

(1) restrict where and when such devices may be used while at
 school;

(2) prohibit the use of the devices during an assessment or
 other activity designated by the school;

(3) prohibit the real time transmission, broadcasting, or live
 streaming of audio recorded by the devices;

(4) require advance notification to either a classroom teacher
 or building administrator as may be applicable in the school's
 policy before use;

(5) require that recorded material be stored, retained, or
 deleted in a manner consistent with school policy; and

(6) require consent requirements consistent with applicable
 law for the recording of another student or school employee.

(j) A school corporation or charter school that adopts a policy
 under this section that permits the possession or use of an audio
 recording device under subsection (h) shall include in the policy a
 provision that a recording made under subsection (h) may not be
 used for a disciplinary, evaluative, or supervisory purpose against
 a:

(1) student; or

(2) school employee."

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to SB 78 as reprinted January 14, 2026.)