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COMMITTEE REPORT

YES:	12
NO:	0

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred Senate Bill 78, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill **be amended** as follows:

- 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;

- 1 (ii) private entity; or
2 (iii) nonprofit corporation;
3 to employ a school resource officer or a law enforcement
4 officer;
5 (B) conduct:
6 (i) a site vulnerability assessment of the buildings within a
7 school corporation or the buildings that are operated by a
8 charter school or accredited nonpublic school; or
9 (ii) critical incident digital mapping of the buildings within
10 a school corporation or the buildings that are operated by a
11 charter school or accredited nonpublic school;
12 (C) purchase equipment, hardware, materials, and technology
13 to:
14 (i) restrict access to school property and classrooms;
15 (ii) assist with visitor management on school property;
16 (iii) expedite notification of first responders;
17 (iv) expedite access to school property for first responders;
18 (v) provide school staff with information about the open or
19 closed status of interior and exterior doors;
20 (vi) detect fire, chemical, visual, or audible threats;
21 (vii) enhance emergency communications inside the
22 building; or
23 (viii) assist with emergency medical response on school
24 property;
25 (D) implement a student and parent support services plan as
26 described in IC 20-34-9;
27 (E) purchase or provide training for a canine trained to detect
28 drugs and illegal substances, explosives, or firearms, or to
29 otherwise provide protection for students and school
30 employees and the canine shall:
31 (i) be primarily assigned to a school corporation, charter
32 school, or accredited nonpublic school;
33 (ii) be primarily assigned to a school resource officer or law
34 enforcement officer described in clause (A) who has
35 received appropriate training for handling a canine trained
36 to detect drugs and illegal substances, explosives, or
37 firearms, or to otherwise provide protection for students and
38 school employees, including training regarding handling a

- 1 canine in a school setting; and
- 2 (iii) receive continuous training as appropriate;
- 3 (F) provide funding for school employees to receive training,
- 4 including expenses for per diem, travel, and lodging, related
- 5 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;
- 10 (G) provide funding for school resource officers or law
- 11 enforcement officers described in clause (A) to receive
- 12 training, including expenses for per diem, travel, and lodging,
- 13 related to handling a canine trained to detect drugs and illegal
- 14 substances, explosives, or firearms, or to otherwise provide
- 15 protection for students and school employees;
- 16 (H) purchase student safety management technology;
- 17 (I) design and construct additions or renovations on school
- 18 property if the primary purpose of the construction project is
- 19 to enhance the physical security of the school building;
- 20 (J) implement a bullying prevention program; or
- 21 ~~(K) develop, implement, and carry out a Stop the Bleed~~
- 22 ~~program required by IC 20-34-3-24, including for the purchase~~
- 23 ~~of bleeding control kits; and~~
- 24 **(K) purchase a storage pouch for purposes described in**
- 25 **IC 20-26-5-40.7(d)(3)(B); and**
- 26 (2) one (1) time grants to enable school corporations, charter
- 27 schools, and accredited nonpublic schools with the sheriff for the
- 28 county in which the school corporation, charter school, or
- 29 accredited nonpublic school is located, to provide the initial set up
- 30 costs for an active event warning system.
- 31 (b) A school corporation or charter school may use money received
- 32 under a matching grant for a purpose listed in subsection (a) to provide
- 33 a response to a threat in a manner that the school corporation or charter
- 34 school sees fit, including firearms training or other self-defense
- 35 training.
- 36 (c) The fund shall be administered by the department of homeland
- 37 security.
- 38 (d) The fund consists of:

- 1 (1) appropriations from the general assembly;
- 2 (2) federal grants;
- 3 (3) amounts deposited from any other public or private source;
- 4 and
- 5 (4) amounts deposited under IC 33-37-9-4.

6 (e) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from
7 money in the fund.

8 (f) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
9 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
10 manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that accrues
11 from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.

12 (g) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert
13 to the state general fund.

14 SECTION 2. IC 10-21-1-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.150-2023,
15 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
16 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) The board may award a matching grant to
17 enable a school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic
18 school (or a coalition of schools applying jointly) to:

19 (1) employ a school resource officer, employ a law enforcement
20 officer, or enter into a contract or memorandum of understanding
21 with a:

- 22 (A) local law enforcement agency;
- 23 (B) private entity; or
- 24 (C) nonprofit corporation;

25 to employ a school resource officer or a law enforcement officer;
26 (2) conduct a site vulnerability assessment of the buildings within
27 a school corporation or the buildings that are operated by a
28 charter school or accredited nonpublic school;

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

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

- 33 (A) restrict access to school property and classrooms;
- 34 (B) assist with visitor management on school property;
- 35 (C) expedite notification of first responders;
- 36 (D) expedite access to school property for first responders;
- 37 (E) provide staff with information about open or closed status
38 of interior and exterior doors;

- 1 (F) detect fire, chemical, visual, or audible threats;
 2 (G) enhance emergency communications inside the school
 3 building; or
 4 (H) assist with emergency medical response on school
 5 property;
 6 (5) implement a student and parent support services plan in the
 7 manner set forth in IC 20-34-9;
 8 (6) purchase or provide training for a canine trained to detect
 9 drugs and illegal substances, explosives, or firearms, or to
 10 otherwise provide protection for students and school employees
 11 and the canine shall:
 12 (A) be primarily assigned to a school corporation, charter
 13 school, or accredited nonpublic school;
 14 (B) be primarily assigned to a school resource officer or law
 15 enforcement officer described in subdivision (1)(A) who has
 16 received appropriate training for handling a canine trained to
 17 detect drugs and illegal substances, explosives, or firearms, or
 18 to otherwise provide protection for students and school
 19 employees, including training regarding handling a canine in
 20 a school setting; and
 21 (C) receive continuous training as appropriate;
 22 (7) provide funding for:
 23 (A) school employees to receive training, including expenses
 24 for per diem, travel, and lodging, related to:
 25 (i) site vulnerability assessments;
 26 (ii) mental health or behavioral health threat assessments;
 27 (iii) multi-disciplinary threat assessment teams; or
 28 (iv) emergency preparedness or response activities; or
 29 (B) school resource officers or law enforcement officers
 30 described in subdivision (1)(A) to receive training, including
 31 expenses for per diem, travel, and lodging, related to handling
 32 a canine trained to detect drugs and illegal substances,
 33 explosives, or firearms, or to otherwise provide protection for
 34 students and school employees;
 35 (8) design and construct additions or renovations on school
 36 property if the primary purpose of the construction project is to
 37 enhance the physical security of the school building;
 38 (9) provide one (1) time grants to enable school corporations,

1 charter schools, and accredited nonpublic schools with the sheriff
 2 for the county in which the school corporation, charter school, or
 3 accredited nonpublic school is located to provide the initial set up
 4 costs for an active event warning system;

5 (10) implement a bullying prevention program; ~~or~~

6 (11) purchase student safety management technology; **or**

7 **(12) purchase a storage pouch for purposes described in**
 8 **IC 20-26-5-40.7(d)(3)(B);**

9 in accordance with section 2(a) of this chapter.

10 (b) A matching grant awarded to a school corporation, charter
 11 school, or accredited nonpublic school (or a coalition of schools
 12 applying jointly) may not exceed the lesser of the following during a
 13 two (2) year period beginning on or after May 1, 2013:

14 (1) The total cost of the program established by the school
 15 corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school (or the
 16 coalition of schools applying jointly).

17 (2) Except as provided in subsection (d), the following amounts:

18 (A) Thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) per year, in the case
 19 of a school corporation, charter school, or accredited
 20 nonpublic school that:

21 (i) has an ADM of at least one (1) and less than one
 22 thousand one (1,001) students; and

23 (ii) is not applying jointly with any other school corporation,
 24 charter school, or accredited nonpublic school.

25 (B) Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) per year, in the case of a
 26 school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic
 27 school that:

28 (i) has an ADM of more than one thousand (1,000) and less
 29 than five thousand one (5,001) students; and

30 (ii) is not applying jointly with any other school corporation,
 31 charter school, or accredited nonpublic school.

32 (C) Seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) per year, in the
 33 case of a school corporation, charter school, or accredited
 34 nonpublic school that:

35 (i) has an ADM of more than five thousand (5,000) and less
 36 than fifteen thousand one (15,001) students; and

37 (ii) is not applying jointly with any other school corporation,
 38 charter school, or accredited nonpublic school.

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

- 1 of the requested grant amount; and
- 2 (B) the board approves the grant request.
- 3 (e) A school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic
- 4 school may receive only one (1) matching grant under this section each
- 5 year.
- 6 (f) The board may not award a grant to a school corporation, charter
- 7 school, or accredited nonpublic school under this section unless the
- 8 school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school is in
- 9 a county that has a county school safety commission, as described in
- 10 section 12 of this chapter."

11 Page 1, between lines 6 and 7, begin a new paragraph and insert:
 12 **"(b) As used in this section, "school sanctioned wireless**
 13 **communication device" means a wireless communication device**
 14 **that:**

- 15 (1) is owned by a student or a third party vendor;
- 16 (2) is approved by the school for instructional use;
- 17 (3) is required or permitted by the school for participation in
- 18 classroom instruction;
- 19 (4) is subject to school managed network controls, filtering, or
- 20 monitoring that restrict access to noninstructional content
- 21 during the school day; and
- 22 (5) is not a cellular telephone, gaming device, or smartwatch
- 23 described in subsection (c)(5)."

24 Page 1, line 7, strike "(b)" and insert "(c)".
 25 Page 1, between lines 16 and 17, begin a new line blocked left and
 26 insert:

27 **"The term does not include a device described in subsection (i)."**
 28 Page 1, line 17, strike "(c)" and insert "(d)".
 29 Page 1, line 17, delete "subsection (d)," and insert "**subsection (e),"**
 30 Page 2, line 13, after "supplied" insert "**or school sanctioned"**.

31 Page 2, delete lines 19 through 22, begin a new line double block
 32 indented and insert:

33 **"(B) A storage policy under which wireless communication**
 34 **devices may be brought to school, but must be stored away,**
 35 **powered off, and inaccessible to a student throughout the**
 36 **school day."**

37 Page 2, line 23, strike "(d)" and insert "(e)".
 38 Page 2, line 23, strike "(c)" and insert "(d)".

- 1 Page 2, line 34, after "superintendent's" insert "**designee; or**".
- 2 Page 2, delete line 35.
- 3 Page 2, line 39, strike "(e)" and insert "**(f)**".
- 4 Page 2, line 41, strike "(c)." and insert "**(d).**".
- 5 Page 2, line 42, delete "(f)" and insert "**(g)**".
- 6 Page 3, line 1, delete "section." and insert "**section, which may**
- 7 **include guidance for how existing lockers and resources can be**
- 8 **used to comply with this section.**".
- 9 Page 3, line 2, delete "(g)" and insert "**(h)**".
- 10 Page 3, between lines 9 and 10, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 11 "**(i) Notwithstanding subsections (a) through (g), a student may**
- 12 **possess and use an unobtrusive audio recording device solely for**
- 13 **the student's individual educational notetaking or personal**
- 14 **learning assistance if the device:**
- 15 (1) is designed principally to capture spoken word audio for
- 16 the purpose described in this subsection, including through
- 17 recording, transcription, summarization, or other personal
- 18 assistant functionality;
- 19 (2) does not capture, store, or transmit images or video;
- 20 (3) is visible to the classroom teacher or other appropriate
- 21 school personnel at all times while in use;
- 22 (4) is provided to the school for inspection upon request; and
- 23 (5) is used in a manner consistent with applicable state and
- 24 federal law governing consent to audio recording.
- 25 (j) Except as provided in subsection (e), nothing in the
- 26 exemption under subsection (i) shall be interpreted to limit a
- 27 school's authority to adopt and enforce policies to control or
- 28 restrict the possession or use of audio recording devices described
- 29 in subsection (i), including policies that:
- 30 (1) restrict where and when such devices may be used while at
- 31 school;
- 32 (2) prohibit the use of the devices during an assessment or
- 33 other activity designated by the school;
- 34 (3) prohibit the real time transmission, broadcasting, or live
- 35 streaming of audio recorded by the devices;
- 36 (4) require advance notification to either a classroom teacher
- 37 or building administrator as may be applicable in the school's
- 38 policy before use;

1 **(5) require that recorded material be stored, retained, or**
2 **deleted in a manner consistent with school policy; and**
3 **(6) require consent requirements consistent with applicable**
4 **law for the recording of another student or school employee.**
5 **(k) A school corporation or charter school that adopts a policy**
6 **under this section that permits the possession or use of an audio**
7 **recording device under subsection (i) shall include in the policy a**
8 **provision that a recording made under subsection (i) may not be**
9 **used for a disciplinary, evaluative, or supervisory purpose against**
10 **a:**
11 **(1) student; or**
12 **(2) school employee."**
13 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
 (Reference is to SB 78 as reprinted January 14, 2026.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

Representative Behning