

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:

- (i) restrict access to school property and classrooms;
- (ii) assist with visitor management on school property;
- (iii) expedite notification of first responders;
- (iv) expedite access to school property for first responders;
- (v) provide school staff with information about the open or closed status of interior and exterior doors;
- (vi) detect fire, chemical, visual, or audible threats;
- (vii) enhance emergency communications inside the building; or
- (viii) assist with emergency medical response on school property;

(D) implement a student and parent support services plan as described in IC 20-34-9;

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

- (i) be primarily assigned to a school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school;
- (ii) be primarily assigned to a school resource officer or law enforcement officer described in clause (A) who has received appropriate training for handling a canine trained to detect drugs and illegal substances, explosives, or firearms, or to otherwise provide protection for students and school employees, including training regarding handling a canine in a school setting; and
- (iii) receive continuous training as appropriate;

(F) provide funding for school employees to receive training, including expenses for per diem, travel, and lodging, related to:

- (i) site vulnerability assessments;
- (ii) mental health or behavioral health threat assessments;
- (iii) multi-disciplinary threat assessment teams; or
- (iv) emergency preparedness or response activities;

(G) provide funding for school resource officers or law enforcement officers described in clause (A) to receive training, including expenses for per diem, travel, and lodging, related to handling a canine trained to detect drugs and illegal substances, explosives, or firearms, or to otherwise provide protection for students and school employees;

- (H) purchase student safety management technology;
- (I) design and construct additions or renovations on school property if the primary purpose of the construction project is to enhance the physical security of the school building;

- (J) implement a bullying prevention program; or
- (K) develop, implement, and carry out a Stop the Bleed program required by IC 20-34-3-24, including for the purchase of bleeding control kits; and

(K) purchase a storage pouch for purposes described in IC 20-26-5-40.7(c)(3)(B); and

(2) one (1) time grants to enable school corporations, charter schools, and accredited nonpublic schools with the sheriff for the county in which the school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school is located, to provide the initial set up costs for an active event warning system.

(b) A school corporation or charter school may use money received under a matching grant for a purpose listed in subsection (a) to provide a response to a threat in a manner that the school corporation or charter school sees fit, including firearms training or other self-defense training.

(c) The fund shall be administered by the department of homeland security.

(d) The fund consists of:

(1) appropriations from the general assembly;

(2) federal grants;

(3) amounts deposited from any other public or private source;
and

(4) amounts deposited under IC 33-37-9-4.

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

- (a) a school setting; and
- (C) receive continuous training as appropriate;
-) provide funding for:
 - (A) school employees to receive training, including expenses for per diem, travel, and lodging, related to:
 - (i) site vulnerability assessments;
 - (ii) mental health or behavioral health threat assessments;
 - (iii) multi-disciplinary threat assessment teams; or
 - (iv) emergency preparedness or response activities; or
 - (B) school resource officers or law enforcement officers described in subdivision (1)(A) to receive training, including expenses for per diem, travel, and lodging, related to handling a canine trained to detect drugs and illegal substances, explosives, or firearms, or to otherwise provide protection for students and school employees;
-) design and construct additions or renovations on school property if the primary purpose of the construction project is to enhance the physical security of the school building;
-) provide one (1) time grants to enable school corporations, charter schools, and accredited nonpublic schools with the sheriff for the county in which the school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school is located to provide the initial set up costs for an active event warning system;
- 0) implement a bullying prevention program; **or**
- 1) purchase student safety management technology; **or**
- 2) purchase a storage pouch for purposes described in C 20-26-5-40.7(c)(3)(B);**

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

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

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

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

10 (B) the board approves the grant request; or

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

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

17 (B) the board approves the grant request.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

39 **(3) is visible to the classroom teacher or other appropriate**
40 **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.

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