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24-33.5-1801. Legislative declaration.

(1) The general assembly hereby finds that:

(a) A safe and healthy learning environment for all students in Colorado is an important priority for the state;

(b) Research into evidence-based practices continues to demonstrate that academic achievement improves as the level of safety and security in a school increases;

(c) Studies of recent school attacks have established that school violence may be prevented with appropriate information sharing;

(d) Suicide, which remains one of the leading causes of death for Colorado's youth, may also be prevented with appropriate intervention;

(e) Both the physical and psychological well-being of students and school personnel is critically important; and

(f) Improving student engagement, including reducing dropout rates and truancy levels, is an important factor for ensuring that schools are safe and successful.

(2) The general assembly further finds that:

(a) The most appropriate way to prevent and prepare for acts of violence and other emergencies that may occur on school campuses is to foster a cooperative effort by schools, school resource officers, law enforcement agencies, emergency responders, behavioral health experts, parents, and community members to identify, gather, and apply the necessary resources; and

(b) Emergency response and crisis management measures should be implemented in all communities within the state to protect students and school personnel.

(2.5) The general assembly further finds and declares that:

(a) Human trafficking is a matter of statewide concern and has a direct impact on local communities, law enforcement agencies, and organizations that provide services to human trafficking survivors;

(b) Although training resources are available on the front range, many areas of the state have limited training resources pertaining to human trafficking that are easily available or accessible;

(c) Labor and sex trafficking can happen in any community. All areas of the state should have access to training to help identify human trafficking and provide critical services to human trafficking survivors.

(d) Traffickers target and recruit children in schools in Colorado. It is essential to increase awareness of school staff, parents and guardians, and students of the dangers of human trafficking. To assist schools, parents, and children, the Colorado school safety resource center shall annually update and disseminate a list of available human trafficking curricula to schools, including some that are free of charge.

(e) The Colorado human trafficking council has developed a curriculum and train-the-trainer program for law enforcement; and

(f) The council was also charged with developing a curriculum and train-the-trainer program for entities that provide services to human trafficking survivors. The curriculum and training programs may supplement the excellent anti-trafficking work being done by advocacy and service organizations across the state.

(3) Now, therefore, the general assembly declares that:

(a) Safe schools are a matter of statewide concern;

(b) All schools have common needs and goals to ensure a safe environment;

(c) Resources are needed to fully develop safety plans and practices in Colorado's schools, colleges, and universities;

(d) A school safety resource center dedicated to providing evidence-based practices and expertise to all schools is a cost-effective means to improve school safety;

(e) Law enforcement agencies, organizations that provide services to human trafficking survivors, and local communities would benefit from additional training opportunities related to human trafficking;

(f) The division of criminal justice and the Colorado human trafficking council are well placed to develop human trafficking curricula and to help provide training in this critical area; and

(g) The Colorado school safety resource center is committed to continuing to make available human trafficking educational resources to schools, parents, and children.

History

Source: L. 2008:Entire part added, p. 727, § 1, effective May 13. L. 2013:(2)(a) amended,(SB 13-

138), ch. 253, p. 1343, § 5, effective May 23. **L. 2019:**(2.5), (3)(e), (3)(f), and (3)(g) added and (3)(c) amended,(HB 19-1051), ch. 404, p. 3576, § 2, effective August 2.

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Cross references:

For the legislative declaration in the 2013 act amending subsection (2)(a), see section 1 of chapter 253, Session Laws of Colorado 2013.

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24-33.5-1802. Definitions.

As used in this part 18, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (1)** "Center" means the school safety resource center created in the office pursuant to section **24-33.5-1803**.
- (2)** "Director" means the director of the center.
- (3)** "First responder" means an individual who responds in a professional capacity to an emergency that occurs in a school building, including, but not limited to, peace officers, firefighters, emergency medical service providers, school administrators, and teachers.
- (4)** "Office" means the office of school safety created in section **24-33.5-2702**.
- (5)** "School" means an institution at which instruction is provided by instructors to students in one or more buildings on a campus. "School" includes a school serving any of grades preschool through twelve and an institution of higher education.

History

Source: L. 2008:Entire part added, p. 728, § 1, effective May 13; (3.3) added, p. 733, § 1, effective May 13. **L. 2012:**(3.3) amended,(HB 12-1059), ch. 271, p. 1436, § 17, effective July 1. **L. 2023:**(1)

and (2) amended and (3.5) added,(SB 23-241), ch. 120, p. 444, § 1, effective April 27. **L. 2025:**Entire section amended,(HB 25-1173), ch. 67, p. 285, § 1, effective April 10.

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24-33.5-1803. School safety resource center - created - duties.

- (1) There is hereby created within the office the school safety resource center to assist schools in preventing, preparing for, responding to, and recovering from emergencies and crisis situations and to foster positive learning environments. The director of the center is appointed by the director of the office pursuant to section 13 of article XII of the state constitution.
- (2) The center is a **type 2** entity, as defined in section 24-1-105, and exercises its powers and performs its duties and functions under the office.
- (3) The center has the following duties:
- (a) To assist schools in developing and implementing safety and preparedness plans, including but not limited to any such plans that are required by state law or applicable rules of accreditation;
 - (b) To assist schools in establishing practices and strategies for use in responding to an emergency or crisis situation;
 - (c) To assist schools in developing and establishing prevention and intervention efforts to ensure safe and secure learning environments;
 - (d) To conduct regular research and assessment projects to determine the efficacy of statewide and local policies and programming;
 - (e) To make information and other resources available to all schools and school officials;
 - (f)
 - (I) To select at least one but not more than five school districts or regions, with the consent of the affected school district boards of education, to serve as pilot sites during the first year of the center's

operation. The center shall evaluate and develop enhanced school safety services to be provided by the center to the pilot sites.

(II) In selecting the school districts or regions that shall serve as pilot sites pursuant to subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (f), the center shall designate at least one but not more than three schools within each of the pilot sites to participate in a cooperative effort by all such designated schools within the pilot sites to create a first responder school mapping system to provide first responders immediate electronic or digital access to maps of, and other schematic information about, school buildings at such designated schools in the event of an emergency at the designated schools. In creating the first responder school mapping system, the pilot sites may contract with one or more public or private entities with experience in creating first responder school mapping systems. Before entering into any such contract or otherwise proceeding with plans for the creation of the first responder school mapping system, the pilot sites shall submit the contract or plans to the center to approve or disapprove. The department shall reimburse the pilot sites for the direct and indirect costs of creating the first responder school mapping system pursuant to this subparagraph (II).

(III) The general assembly hereby finds and declares that, for purposes of section 17 of article IX of the state constitution, the development and creation of a first responder school mapping system, pursuant to subparagraph (II) of this paragraph (f), is an important element of improving student safety and may therefore receive funding from the state education fund created in section 17 (4) of article IX of the state constitution.

(g) To provide information and resources relating to school safety, school emergency response planning and training, and interoperable communications in schools, as determined by the center, to the division of fire prevention and control in the department of public safety to be distributed to school districts and schools pursuant to section **24-33.5-1213.4**. Nothing in this subsection (3)(g) permits providing a firearm, as defined in section 18-1-901, to a school district or a school.

(h)

(I) To consult with school districts, schools, and charter schools concerning evidence-based best practices for bullying prevention and education;

(II) To consult with the department of education concerning its administration of the school bullying prevention and education grant program created in section 22-93-102, C.R.S.; and

(III) To submit evidence-based best practices for bullying prevention and education to the department of education for the purposes of section 22-93-106, C.R.S.

(i) Repealed.

(j) To provide information and resources relating to the development and maintenance of school resource officer programs, as determined by the center, to the division of fire prevention and control in the department of public safety for distribution to school districts and schools pursuant to section **24-33.5-1213.4** and to law enforcement agencies and other community partners, as described in section 22-32-109.1, C.R.S.;

(k) To provide suggestions for school resource officer training to the peace officers standards and training board, pursuant to section 24-31-312;

(l) To provide materials and training as described in section **24-33.5-1809** to personnel in school districts and charter schools, parents, and students regarding the awareness and prevention of child sexual abuse and assault, including human trafficking;

(m) By June 1, 2018, to make available a model program that conforms with section 22-1-128, regarding the risks and consequences of sexting for school districts to use, which curriculum must include information informing students of the provisions of section 18-7-109, including that, if a student receives a private intimate image or intimate digital depiction in violation of section 18-7-109, the student can avoid adjudication as a juvenile delinquent by taking reasonable steps to either destroy or delete or report the initial viewing of the image or depiction within seventy-two hours after receiving the image or depiction; and

(n)

(I) To act as a resource for school districts, public schools, charter schools, and institute charter schools concerning training for crisis and suicide prevention, as that term is defined in section 25-1.5-112; and

(II) To work collaboratively with the office of suicide prevention in the department of public health and environment concerning the crisis and suicide prevention training grant program created in section 25-1.5-113.

(4) Subject to the provisions of section 13 of article XII of the state constitution, the director shall appoint employees necessary to conduct an efficient center.

History

Source: L. 2008:Entire part added, p. 729, § 1, effective May 13; (3)(f) amended, p. 733, § 2, effective May 13. **L. 2011:**(3)(e) amended and (3)(h) added,(HB 11-1254), ch. 173, p. 655, § 7, effective May 13; (3)(g) added,(SB 11-173), ch. 310, p. 1517, § 6, effective June 10. **L. 2012:**(3)(g) amended,(HB 12-1283), ch. 240, p. 1134, § 46, effective July 1. **L. 2013:**(3)(i), (3)(j), and (3)(k) added,(SB 13-138), ch. 253, p. 1343, § 6, effective May 23. **L. 2015:**(3)(j) and (3)(k) amended and (3)(l) added,(SB 15-020), ch. 277, p. 1131, § 1, effective June 5. **L. 2017:**(3)(k) and (3)(l) amended and (3)(m) added,(HB 17-1302), ch. 390, p. 2016, § 6, effective January 1, 2018. **L. 2018:**(3)(l) and (3)(m) amended and (3)(n) added,(SB 18-272), ch. 333, p. 2005, § 3, effective August 8. **L. 2019:**(3)(l) amended,(HB 19-1051), ch. 404, p. 3577, § 3, effective August 2. **L. 2021:**(3)(n)(I) amended,(HB 21-1119), ch. 49, p. 207, § 3, effective September 7. **L. 2023:**(1), (2), and (3)(g) amended,(SB 23-241), ch. 120, p. 444, § 2, effective April 27. **L. 2025:**(3)(m) amended,(SB 25-288), ch. 339, p. 1837, § 8, effective August 6.

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Editor's note:

(1) Subsection (3)(i)(II) provided for the repeal of subsection (3)(i), effective July 1, 2018. (See L. 2013, p. 1343.)

(2) Section 9(2) of chapter 339 (SB 25-288), Session Laws of Colorado 2025, provides that the act changing this section applies to offenses committed on or after August 6, 2025.

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Cross references:

(1) For the legislative declaration in the 2011 act adding subsection (3)(g), see section 1 of chapter 310, Session Laws of Colorado 2011. For the legislative declaration in the 2012 act amending subsection (3)(g), see section 1 of chapter 240, Session Laws of Colorado 2012. For the legislative declaration in the 2013 act adding subsections (3)(i), (3)(j), and (3)(k), see section 1 of chapter 253, Session Laws of Colorado 2013. For the legislative declaration in SB 18-272, see section 1 of chapter 333, Session Laws of Colorado 2018. For the legislative declaration in HB 21-1119, see section 1 of chapter 49, Session Laws of Colorado 2021.

(2) For the legislative declaration in HB 17-1302 stating the purpose of, and the provision directing legislative service agencies to conduct, a post-enactment review pursuant to § 2-2-1201 scheduled in 2020, see sections 1 and 7 of chapter 390, Session Laws of Colorado 2017. To obtain a copy of the review, once completed, go to "Legislative Resources and Requirements" on the Colorado General Assembly's website.

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24-33.5-1804. School safety resource center advisory board - created.
(Repealed)

History

Source: **L. 2008:**Entire part added, p. 729, § 1, effective May 13. **L. 2011:**(2)(a)(VIII) amended,(HB 11-1303), ch. 264, p. 1164, § 57, effective August 10. **L. 2013:**IP(2)(a) amended and (2)(a)(XIV) added,(SB 13-138), ch. 253, p. 1344, § 7, effective May 23. **L. 2017:**(6)(a) amended,(SB 17-291), ch. 259, p. 1077, § 1, effective May 25. **L. 2022:**(6) repealed,(HB 22-1275), ch. 90, p. 426, § 2, effective August 10. **L. 2023:**(1) amended,(SB 23-241), ch. 120, p. 445, § 3, effective April 27. **L. 2025:**Entire section repealed,(HB 25-1173), ch. 67, p. 287, § 3, effective April 10.

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24-33.5-1805. Authorization to contract for services.

The office is authorized to contract for services with any state, county, local, municipal, nonprofit entity, or private agency to implement the provisions of this part 18 and fulfill the duties of the center, which duties are described in section 24-33.5-1803 (3).

History

Source: L. 2008:Entire part added, p. 731, § 1, effective May 13. L. 2023:Entire section amended,(SB 23-241), ch. 120, p. 445, § 4, effective April 27.

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24-33.5-1806. Evaluation - report.

(1) Notwithstanding section 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), on or before January 1, 2010, and on or before January 1 of each year thereafter, the director shall prepare and submit to the executive director a report evaluating the efficacy and value of the services provided by the center to schools.

(2) Notwithstanding section 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), on or before January 15, 2010, and on or before January 15 of each year thereafter, the executive director shall prepare and submit to the education and judiciary committees of the house of representatives and the senate, or any successor committees, a report evaluating the efficacy and value of the services provided by the center to schools.

History

Source: L. 2008:Entire part added, p. 731, § 1, effective May 13. **L. 2023:**Entire section amended,(SB 23-241), ch. 120, p. 445, § 5, effective April 27.

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24-33.5-1807. School safety resource center cash fund.

(1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the school safety resource center cash fund, referred to in this section as the “fund”. The fund shall consist of:

(a) Such moneys as the general assembly may appropriate to the fund;

(b) Gifts, grants, and donations received by the department pursuant to subsection (2) of this section; and

(c) Any moneys that the center receives as fees charged to attendees of a training program or conference, as described in section **24-33.5-1808**.

(2) The department is authorized to solicit and accept gifts, grants, and donations from public and private sources for the purposes of this part 18; except that the department may not accept a gift, grant, or donation that is subject to conditions that are inconsistent with this section or any other law of the state. All moneys collected by the department pursuant to this subsection (2) shall be transmitted to the state treasurer, who shall credit the same to the fund.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (6) of this section, the money in the fund is subject to annual appropriation by the general assembly to the department for the direct and indirect costs associated with implementing this part 18. Any money in the fund not expended for the purposes of this part 18 may be invested by the state treasurer as provided by law. All interest and income derived from the investment and deposit of money in the fund shall be credited to the fund.

(4)

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (6) of this section, the department is authorized to expend money from the fund for the purposes of this part 18.

(b) The department may expend up to two percent of the money annually appropriated from the fund, not including money credited to the school security disbursement program account pursuant to subsection (6) of this section, to offset the costs incurred in implementing this part 18.

(5) Any unexpended and unencumbered moneys remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall remain in the fund and shall not be credited or transferred to the general fund or another fund.

(5.5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, on June 30, 2020, the state treasurer shall transfer one million dollars from the fund to the general fund.

(6) and (7) Repealed.

History

Source: **L. 2010:**Entire section added,(HB 10-1336), ch. 342, p. 1581, § 2, effective June 5. **L. 2018:** (7) added,(HB 18-1413), ch. 237, p. 1482, § 2, effective May 24; (3) and (4) amended and (6) added, (SB 18-269), ch. 408, p. 2398, § 2, effective June 6. **L. 2020:**(5.5) added,(HB 20-1406), ch. 178, p. 812, § 8, effective June 29.

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Editor's note:

(1) Subsection (6)(b) provided for the repeal of subsection (6), effective July 1, 2021. (See L. 2018, p. 2398.)

(2) Subsection (7)(b) provided for the repeal of subsection (7), effective June 30, 2021. (See L. 2018, p. 1482.)

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24-33.5-1808. Training program and conference fees authorized.

(1) The center is authorized to charge a fee to each attendee of a training program or conference that the center implements for the purposes of this part 18. The center shall forward each fee collected pursuant to this section to the state treasurer, who shall credit the entire amount to the school safety resource center cash fund created in section **24-33.5-1807**.

(2) The total amount of fees charged by the center to attendees of a training program or conference pursuant to subsection (1) of this section shall not exceed the actual costs incurred by the center in implementing the training program or conference.

History

Source: L. 2010:Entire section added,(HB 10-1336), ch. 342, p. 1582, § 2, effective June 5.

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24-33.5-1809. Prevention of child sexual abuse and assault - resource bank - training.

(1) The director shall appoint a person to the center to collect and provide materials and to provide training to school personnel, parents, and students regarding preventing child sexual abuse and assault, including materials and training that are specific to preventing sexual abuse and assault of children with developmental disabilities. At a minimum, the appointed person shall:

(a) Research and select instruction modules for professional development for school personnel that may include, but need not be limited to:

(I) Training in preventing, identifying, and responding to child sexual abuse and assault, including information concerning the child abuse reporting hotline system created pursuant to section 26-5-111, C.R.S.; and

(II) Resources to raise the awareness of school personnel and parents regarding child sexual abuse and assault and preventing child sexual abuse and assault;

(b) Provide training for school personnel and parents in preventing, identifying, and responding to child sexual abuse and assault, including using the child abuse reporting hotline system created pursuant to section 26-5-111, C.R.S. The appointed person may provide training in person or through online presentations.

(c) Research and select model, age-appropriate educational materials designed for children in grades kindergarten through twelve regarding child sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention, which

may include, but need not be limited to:

(I) The skills to recognize:

(A) Child sexual abuse and assault;

(B) Boundary violations and unwanted forms of touching and contact; and

(C) Behaviors that an offender uses to groom or desensitize a victim; and

(II) Strategies to:

(A) Promote disclosure;

(B) Reduce self-blame; and

(C) Mobilize bystanders;

(d) Publicize to school districts and public and nonpublic schools the availability of the training and resources for school personnel and parents and the age-appropriate education materials for children; and

(e) Make the training and resources for school personnel and parents and the age-appropriate education materials for children available on the center's website.

(2) The appointed person shall seek to work with appropriate community-based organizations in creating and collecting the materials, training, and curricula regarding awareness and prevention of child sexual abuse and assault. The appointed person may create and collect materials, curricula, and other resources regarding other forms of child maltreatment and make the materials, curricula, and resources available to school districts and public and nonpublic schools.

(3) The person appointed by the director pursuant to this section shall solicit and accept on behalf of the center gifts, grants, and donations to implement this section, as provided in section **24-33.5-1807** (2). Moneys collected pursuant to this subsection (3) shall be transmitted to the state treasurer, who shall credit the moneys to the school safety resource center cash fund created in section **24-33.5-1807**. Any moneys received pursuant to this subsection (3) are in addition to appropriations of state moneys to implement this section, and implementing this section is not conditional or dependent on the receipt of gifts, grants, or donations.

(4) As used in this section, "school personnel" includes teachers, administrators, school resource officers, and other employees of school districts and public schools.

History

Source: L. 2015:Entire section added,(HB 15-020), ch. 277, p. 1131, § 2, effective June 5.

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24-33.5-1810. School security disbursement program - created - rules - definitions - repeal.

(1) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) "Disbursement program" means the school security disbursement program created in subsection (2) of this section.

(b) "Eligible entity" means a local education provider or an eligible nonprofit organization.

(c) "Eligible nonprofit organization" means a nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under section 501 (c)(3) of the federal "Internal Revenue Code of 1986", as amended, that applies to work with specific local education providers or first responders, and that:

(I) Has experience providing training for school safety incident response;

(II) Has experience working with law enforcement agencies and other first responders;

(III) Has experience working with school districts, school personnel, and students on issues related to school safety incident response; and

(IV) Identifies in its application local education providers or first responders that will participate in school safety incident response training or programs.

(d) "Local education provider" means a school district, a charter school that is authorized pursuant to part 1 of article 30.5 of title 22, an institute charter school that is authorized pursuant to part 5 of article 30.5 of title 22, or a board of cooperative services as defined in section 22-5-103.

(2)

(a) There is created in the department the school security disbursement program to provide disbursements to eligible entities to use for the purposes described in subsection (3) of this section to improve security within public schools.

(b) Subject to available appropriations, the department shall disburse money to applicants as provided in subsection (5) of this section from money credited to the school security disbursement cash fund, created in section **24-33.5-1811**. It is the intent of the general assembly that the department distribute the money credited to the school security disbursement cash fund as quickly as practicable based on the receipt of qualifying applications.

(3) An eligible entity that receives a disbursement from the disbursement program may use the disbursed money only for the following purposes:

(a) Capital construction that improves the security of a public school facility or public school vehicle, including but not limited to any structure or installed hardware, device, or equipment that protects a public school facility or public school vehicle and the students, educators, and other individuals who attend, work in, or visit a public school facility or are transported in a public school vehicle from threats of physical harm including but not limited to any structure or installed hardware, device, or equipment that:

(I) Prevents the entry of unauthorized individuals into a public school facility or a protected space within a public school facility or onto a public school vehicle; or

(II) Can be used to expedite communication when a threat is present;

(b) Training in student threat assessment for all school building staff who have contact with students, which must include best practices for conducting threat assessments, such as instruction on how to prevent bias when conducting a threat assessment;

(c) In collaboration with local law enforcement agencies, providing the training for peace officers on interactions with students at school;

(d) School emergency response training for all school building staff;

(e) Programs to help students become more resilient in meeting the daily challenges they face without resorting to violence against themselves or others, including addressing the fundamental causes of violence and aggression and helping students become responsible members of their schools, neighborhoods, communities, and families;

(f) Developing and providing training programs, curriculums, and seminars related to school safety incident response;

(g) Developing best practices and protocols related to school safety incident response;

(h) Implementing a school resource officer program; and

(i) To implement a co-responder program.

(4) An eligible entity, including any combination of eligible entities that wish to apply together as a single, regional applicant, may apply for a disbursement from the disbursement program by submitting

an application to the department that includes the following information:

- (a)** The purpose or purposes described in subsection (3) of this section for which the applicant is requesting the disbursement;
- (b)** The amount of disbursed money requested based on an itemized estimate of the expected cost of the purpose or purposes for which the applicant is requesting the disbursement and taking into account any matching money, if applicable, pursuant to subsection (5) of this section;
- (c)** Evidence of the availability of and commitment of the applicant to use financial resources to match the amount of the disbursement;
- (d)** The applicant's commitment to provide information to the department as required for the annual report described in subsection (6) of this section;
- (e)** If the eligible entity is a charter school that is authorized pursuant to part 1 of article 30.5 of title 22, located within a school district facility, and participating in the school district's safety and security services, information demonstrating that the charter school has collaborated with the school district in preparing and submitting the application; and
- (f)** Any additional information, as specified by rule of the executive director, that is necessary for the department to evaluate the likely effectiveness of the applicant's use of the disbursed money in improving security in public school facilities or vehicles.

(5) The department shall review each application received pursuant to subsection (4) of this section. Subject to available appropriations, the department shall disburse money to the applicant if the department determines that the application meets the requirements specified in subsection (4) of this section and the purpose or purposes for which the applicant intends to use the disbursed money are likely to improve security in public school facilities or vehicles and are not likely to exacerbate identified student disciplinary disparities. The department shall give priority to applicants that commit to providing financial resources to match the amount of the disbursement. The department shall determine the disbursement amount taking into account the amount identified in the application.

(6)

(a) On or before August 1, 2023, and on or before August 1 each year thereafter, each eligible entity that received a disbursement in the preceding school year shall submit a report to the department specifying the amount received; the source and amount of matching money provided, if applicable; and the purpose or purposes for which the eligible entity used the disbursed money, including an itemized accounting of how the money was expended.

(b) Beginning with the annual presentation in 2024 provided by the department to the committees of reference pursuant to section 2-7-203, the department shall include in the annual presentation a summary of the reports received pursuant to subsection (6)(a) of this section. Notwithstanding section 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), beginning in January 2024, and every January thereafter, the department shall submit a summary of the reports received pursuant to subsection (6)(a) of this section to the education committees of the senate and the house of representatives, or any successor committees.

(7) The executive director shall promulgate rules pursuant to the "State Administrative Procedure Act", article 4 of this title 24, to establish the time frames for submitting disbursement applications and

awarding disbursements and to specify any additional information that must be included in disbursement applications as described in subsection (4)(f) of this section.

(8) This section is repealed, effective July 1, 2032.

History

Source: **L. 2018:**Entire section added,(SB 18-269), ch. 408, p. 2395, § 1, effective June 6. **L. 2019:**(6) (b) amended,(SB 19-252), ch. 254, p. 2452, § 3, effective August 2. **L. 2022:**Entire section RC&RE,(HB 22-1120), ch. 188, p. 1256, § 1, effective May 19. **L. 2023:**(3)(f) amended and (3)(h) and (3)(i) added, (SB 23-241), ch. 120, p. 446, § 6, effective April 27.

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24-33.5-1811. School security disbursement program cash fund - repeal.

(1) The school security disbursement program cash fund, referred to in this section as the “fund” is created in the state treasury. The fund consists of money transferred to the fund pursuant to section 39-37-301 (2)(a)(III) and any other money that the general assembly may appropriate or transfer to the fund. The state treasurer shall credit all interest and income derived from the deposit and investment of money in the fund to the fund. Subject to annual appropriation by the general assembly, the department may expend money from the fund to implement the school security disbursement program created in section 24-33.5-1810. The department may expend up to three percent of the amount appropriated to the fund in each fiscal year for the administrative expenses incurred in implementing the school security disbursement program.

(2) This section is repealed, effective July 1, 2032.

History

Source: L. 2022:Entire section added,(HB 22-1243), ch. 189, p. 1262, § 2, effective May 19. **L. 2024:**Entire section amended,(HB 24-1349), ch. 423, p. 2900, § 3, effective June 5.

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