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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would establish the School Security Program within the State Department of Education, to require periodic inspections of school facilities at public K-12 schools.

This bill would provide criteria for school security inspections and would require each local board of education to be graded based on its compliance with the criteria.

This bill would establish the School Security and Fire Safety Fund within the State Department of Education to provide grants to qualifying local boards of education for the purpose of seeking compliance with school security criteria and recommendations of the state Fire Marshal related to fire safety.

This bill would establish the School Mapping Data Program within the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) to provide accurate maps for each school in this state.

This bill would provide parameters for school mapping data and would require the data to be shared with various law enforcement and public safety agencies.

This bill would also require the State Board of Education to adopt rules to implement and administer



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29 the School Security Program and ALEA to adopt rules to  
30 implement and administer the School Mapping Data  
31 Program.

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35 A BILL

36 TO BE ENTITLED

37 AN ACT

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39 Relating to public K-12 school safety and security; to  
40 create the School Security Program to require periodic  
41 inspections of school security of public K-12 schools and  
42 facilities; to require the State Board of Education to adopt  
43 rules to administer and implement the program; to require  
44 local boards of education to be graded based on compliance  
45 with school security criteria; to create the School Security  
46 and Fire Safety Fund; to provide for grants for qualifying  
47 local boards of education; to establish the School Mapping  
48 Data Program and require ALEA to adopt rules to administer and  
49 implement that program; to provide criteria for school maps;  
50 and to provide for the distribution of school mapping data to  
51 certain law enforcement and public safety agencies.

52 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

53 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as  
54 the School Security Act.

55 Section 2. For the purposes of this act, the following  
56 terms have the following meanings:



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57 (1) ALEA. The Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency.

58 (2) BOARD. The State Board of Education.

59 (3) DEPARTMENT. The State Department of Education.

60 (4) SCHOOL. Any public K-12 school.

61 (5) SCHOOL FACILITY. Any building operated in  
62 connection with a school including, but not limited to, those  
63 housing classrooms, administration, or athletic facilities.

64 Section 3. (a) (1) There is established the School  
65 Security Program. The board shall adopt rules to implement and  
66 administer the program pursuant to this act.

67 (2) The board shall require that at least once every  
68 five years, the school facilities under the jurisdiction of  
69 each local board of education shall be inspected by at least  
70 one school security inspector to determine the compliance of  
71 the school facility and the local board of education with the  
72 school security criteria established pursuant to subsection  
73 (b).

74 (b) (1) The board shall establish criteria for school  
75 security inspections. The criteria shall be established in  
76 consultation with the department's regional school safety  
77 coordinators and any other entities or individuals as  
78 determined by the board. The criteria shall include a rubric  
79 that school security inspectors must use to evaluate each  
80 school facility during an inspection. The rubric shall  
81 include, but not be limited to, standards for each of the  
82 following:

83 a. Security cameras.

84 b. Alarm systems.



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85 c. Locks on exterior and interior doors.

86 d. Emergency escapes.

87 e. Any other physical measures used to strengthen the  
88 security of school facilities and school grounds, including,  
89 but not limited to, criteria related to intrusion detection,  
90 fencing, and windows.

91 (2) The board shall periodically review and update the  
92 criteria and rubric to ensure that both accurately reflect  
93 current best practices relating to school security.

94 (c) Inspections under this chapter shall be completed  
95 by one or more school security inspectors. The board shall  
96 adopt rules relating to the selection of school security  
97 inspectors. School security inspectors shall be neutral and  
98 nonbiased individuals with some background experience relating  
99 to school security or school facilities, as determined by the  
100 board. Possible school security inspectors include, but are  
101 not limited to, retired law enforcement officers. A regional  
102 school safety coordinator may not be a school security  
103 inspector but may attend school security inspections for the  
104 purposes of reviewing the accuracy and currentness of school  
105 security criteria and rubric.

106 (d) (1) Following an inspection, the school security  
107 inspector who conducted the inspection shall provide each  
108 school facility with a school security letter grade. The  
109 school security inspector shall also provide each local board  
110 of education that he or she inspects with a cumulative school  
111 security letter grade and recommendations to improve school  
112 security.



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113 (2) A school security letter grade may be an A, B, C,  
114 D, or F. An "A" grade shall indicate the highest level of  
115 compliance with the school security criteria, while an "F"  
116 grade shall indicate a failure to comply.

117 (e) (1) The School Security and Fire Safety Fund is  
118 created within the State Department of Education.

119 (2)a. The board may award grants to local boards of  
120 education to assist those local boards in complying with the  
121 school security criteria established pursuant to subdivision  
122 (b).

123 b. The board may award grants to local boards of  
124 education to assist those local boards in complying with fire  
125 safety recommendations made by the state Fire Marshal or his  
126 or her assistants, as defined by Section 36-19-3, Code of  
127 Alabama 1975.

128 (3) A local board of education that receives a grant  
129 from the fund shall ensure that the expenditure of any grant  
130 funds will be used to improve school facilities in compliance  
131 with the state building code and rules adopted by the board,  
132 including rules related to school facilities.

133 (4) The board shall develop an application form and  
134 adopt procedures for the administration of the fund, including  
135 for the development of application criteria. The board shall  
136 prioritize local boards of education that received a  
137 cumulative letter grade of "D" or "F" rating following its  
138 school security inspection and local boards of education that  
139 have completed a facilities assessment through the  
140 department's regional school safety training program.



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141 (5) Any monies appropriated shall be budgeted and  
142 allotted pursuant to the Budget Management Act in accordance  
143 with Article 4, commencing with Section 41-4-80 of Chapter 4  
144 of Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and only in the amounts  
145 provided by the Legislature in the general appropriations act  
146 or other appropriations act.

147 Section 4. (a) A School Mapping Data Program is  
148 established within the Homeland Security department of ALEA to  
149 provide accurate maps of each school in the state for use in  
150 the case of an emergency. ALEA shall adopt rules to implement  
151 and administer the program pursuant to this act.

152 (b) (1) ALEA shall collaborate with local boards of  
153 education to collect accurate mapping data for each school in  
154 this state. School mapping data shall include accurate floor  
155 plans of each school overlaid on current, verified aerial  
156 imagery of the campus and shall meet all of the following  
157 requirements:

158 a. Be oriented true north.

159 b. Be verified by the entity producing the data for  
160 accuracy by a walk-through of school buildings and grounds.

161 c. Contain site-specific labeling that matches the  
162 structure of school buildings, including room labels, hallway  
163 names, and external door or stairwell numbers and locations of  
164 hazards, critical utility locations, key boxes, automated  
165 external defibrillators, and trauma kits.

166 d. Contain site-specific labeling that matches the  
167 school grounds, including parking areas, athletic fields,  
168 surrounding roads, and neighboring properties.



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169 e. Be overlaid with gridded x and y coordinates.

170 (2) Updates to school mapping data shall be completed  
171 as deemed necessary by ALEA. Any updates to school mapping  
172 data shall be accessible within software platforms used by the  
173 local, county, state, and federal public safety agencies that  
174 provide emergency services to the specific school.

175 (c) School mapping data shall be provided to each local  
176 board of education, local law enforcement agency, and public  
177 safety agency for use in response to emergencies. For the  
178 purposes of this section, emergencies include, but are not  
179 limited to, any event in which one or more law enforcement  
180 officers, firefighters, rescue squads, emergency medical  
181 services providers, public safety telecommunications, or other  
182 emergency management provider may respond.

183 (d) (1) School mapping data shall be compatible with  
184 software platforms used by local, county, state, and federal  
185 public safety agencies that provide emergency services to the  
186 school for which the data is provided. School mapping data  
187 shall be compatible with security software platforms in use by  
188 the public K-12 school for which the data is provided.

189 (2) School mapping data shall be available in a  
190 printable format and, if requested by a public safety agency,  
191 local law enforcement agency, or local board of education, be  
192 in a digital format that may be integrated into interactive  
193 mobile platforms in use.

194 (e) No entity including, but not limited to, a law  
195 enforcement agency, local board of education, or public safety  
196 agency, may be required to purchase additional software or pay





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197 a fee to view or access school mapping data through the School  
198 Mapping Data Program.

199 Section 5. This act shall become effective on October  
200 1, 2024.