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HB 2574: school safety software; appropriation
Sponsor: Representative Biasiucci, LD 30
Committee on Military Affairs & Public Safety

Overview

Appropriates \$7,000,000 in FY 2025 and \$5,000,000 in FY 2026 to establish a statewide connected behavioral threat assessment and management platform (Assessment Platform) to identify potential threats to schools.

History

The Secret Service developed [threat assessments](#) to deal with people who threaten to attack public officials and analyze certain dangerous situations. Threat assessments are conducted when people threaten to commit a violent act or engage in behavior that appears to threaten targeted violence. *Threat assessments are a process of evaluating the threat — and the circumstances surrounding the threat — to uncover any facts or evidence that indicate a threat is likely to be carried out.*

The University of Virginia developed the [Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines](#) (CSTAG) for schools. CSTAG integrated recommendations from Federal Bureau of Investigation and Secret Service studies of school shootings with field-tested experiences from educators working in Virginia public schools. *School-based threat assessments must be a flexible and efficient process that can quickly resolve threats that are not serious and concentrate efforts on the small number of serious threats.* CSTAG outlines how to distinguish a transient threat (not serious) from a substantive threat (poses a continuing risk to others).

Provisions

1. Appropriates \$7,000,000 in FY 2025 and \$5,000,000 in FY 2026 from the State General Fund to the Department of Education to establish an Assessment Platform to identify potential threats to schools. (Sec. 1)
2. Specifies that the Assessment Platform must be centralized, web-based and hosted in a secure cloud environment while incorporating behavioral assessment best practices at least as stringent as CSTAG. (Sec. 1)
3. Exempts the appropriation from lapsing. (Sec. 1)

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