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SENATE BILL 42

**56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2024**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; REQUIRING A SCHOOL SAFETY  
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS; INCLUDING "SCHOOL  
SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM" IN THE DEFINITION OF "BUILDING  
SYSTEM" IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY ACT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. A new Section 22-13-14.1 NMSA 1978 is enacted  
to read:

"22-13-14.1. [NEW MATERIAL] SCHOOL SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS  
SYSTEM IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.--

A. All public schools shall have a school safety  
communications system.

B. The school safety communications system may  
include manually activated panic alert devices and real-time  
communications and information collaboration, including voice

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1 and full-motion video sharing during an emergency.

2 C. As used in this section, "school safety  
3 communications system" means a multimedia data communications  
4 system that connects law enforcement, firefighters and  
5 emergency medical services with school administrators and staff  
6 during an emergency."

7 SECTION 2. Section 22-24-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975,  
8 Chapter 235, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

9 "22-24-3. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Public School  
10 Capital Outlay Act:

11 A. "authority" means the public school facilities  
12 authority;

13 B. "building system" means a set of interacting  
14 parts that makes up a single, nonportable or fixed component of  
15 a facility and that, together with other building systems,  
16 makes up an entire integrated facility or property, including  
17 roofing; electrical distribution; electronic communication;  
18 plumbing; lighting; mechanical; fire prevention; facility  
19 shell; interior finishes; heating; ventilation and air  
20 conditioning systems; and school security systems, including a  
21 school safety communications system, as defined by the council;

22 C. "constitutional special schools" means the New  
23 Mexico school for the blind and visually impaired and the New  
24 Mexico school for the deaf;

25 D. "constitutional special schools support spaces"

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1 means all facilities necessary to support the constitutional  
2 special schools' educational mission that are not included in  
3 the constitutional special schools' educational adequacy  
4 standards, including performing arts centers, facilities for  
5 athletic competition, school district administration and  
6 facility and vehicle maintenance;

7 E. "council" means the public school capital outlay  
8 council;

9 F. "education technology infrastructure" means the  
10 physical hardware and services used to interconnect students,  
11 teachers, school districts and school buildings necessary to  
12 support broadband connectivity and remote learning as  
13 determined by the council;

14 G. "fund" means the public school capital outlay  
15 fund;

16 H. "maximum allowable gross square foot per  
17 student" means a determination made by applying the established  
18 maximum allowable square foot guidelines for educational  
19 facilities based on type of school and number of students in  
20 the current published New Mexico public school adequacy  
21 planning guide to the department's current year certified first  
22 reporting date membership;

23 I. "replacement cost per square foot" means the  
24 statewide cost per square foot as established by the council;

25 J. "school district" includes state-chartered

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1 charter schools and the constitutional special schools;

2 K. "school district population density" means the  
3 population density on a per square mile basis of a school  
4 district as estimated by the authority based on the most  
5 current tract level population estimates published by the  
6 United States census bureau; and

7 L. "school district population density factor"  
8 means zero when the school district population density is  
9 greater than fifty people per square mile, six-hundredths when  
10 the school district population density is greater than fifteen  
11 but less than fifty-one persons per square mile and twelve-  
12 hundredths when the school district population density is less  
13 than sixteen persons per square mile."