

SHB 1240 - S AMD TO LAW COMM AMD (S-2726.1/23) **383**
By Senator Fortunato

1 Beginning on page 1, line 3, after "legislature" strike all
2 material through "immediately." on page 15, line 4 and insert "finds
3 that, according to the 2018 mass shootings work group, funding school
4 resource officers, multistage threat assessment processes implemented
5 in education facilities, and increased investment in mental health
6 professionals were the most important policy recommendations that
7 would prevent future mass shootings. Instead of exerting control over
8 the future purchase of a certain type of firearm, the legislature
9 intends to address the safety of the most treasured members of our
10 society by providing school safety officers. An examination of that
11 evidence finds that both the federal assault weapons ban and several
12 state assault weapons bans have had inconclusive effects on reducing
13 violence. Many of the studies that do indicate a positive link do not
14 take into consideration gang violence and manipulate the data to
15 prove a reduction in violence. A desire to protect society and
16 prevent future violence has led to a desire to ban firearms, their
17 components, and accessories. The legislature finds that providing
18 financial support for the hardening of schools will provide more
19 safety for the most treasured members of society than an arbitrary
20 firearms ban.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The legislature hereby directs the
22 criminal justice training commission to conduct a study on the
23 effects, including lethality, velocity, safety for the user, and
24 likelihood of serious injury of the following firearm accessories:
25 (1) A grip that is independent or detached from the stock that
26 protrudes conspicuously beneath the action of the weapon; (2)
27 thumbhole stock; (3) folding or telescoping stock; (4) forward
28 pistol, vertical, angled, or other grip designed for use by the
29 nonfiring hand to improve control; (5) flash suppressor, flash guard,
30 flash eliminator, flash hider, sound suppressor, silencer, or any
31 item designed to reduce the visual or audio signature of the firearm;
32 (6) muzzle brake, recoil compensator, or any item designed to be
33 affixed to the barrel to reduce recoil or muzzle rise; (7) threaded

1 barrel designed to attach a flash suppressor, sound 21 suppressor,
2 muzzle break, or similar item; (8) grenade launcher or flare
3 launcher; (9) a shroud that encircles either all or part of the
4 barrel designed to shield the bearer's hand from heat, except a solid
5 forearm of a stock that covers only the bottom of the barrel; and
6 (10) the capacity to accept a detachable magazine at some location
7 outside of the pistol grip.

8 The commission shall also study the length of time required to
9 change a magazine by shooters from different demographics and with
10 different skill levels; for example, gender, levels of experience,
11 and law enforcement at varying levels of experience. The commission
12 shall publish a report of the findings, including a list of military
13 units that use AR-15 firearms in combat, by December 31, 2024.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The office of the superintendent of public
15 instruction shall develop a grant program for the security of K-12
16 public and private schools. The office shall adopt rules for
17 qualifying applicants to include local law enforcement and
18 participating schools. The rules must also provide the scope of
19 security to be provided for participating schools, including but not
20 limited to:

21 (1) The minimum number of school resource officers to be assigned
22 to each participating school, which must be based on considerations
23 such as student population, building access points, and school
24 facility layout in order to provide a response time of one minute or
25 less for a school resource officer to respond to a physical threat;
26 and

27 (2) Allowing school districts to acquire structural upgrades for
28 school facilities in order to provide enhanced security and safety
29 including, but not limited to, design upgrades, automatic locking
30 doors, and ballistic films on glass entries.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The criminal justice training commission
32 shall conduct a study on mental health evaluations of people in
33 crisis and mass shootings. The study shall focus on identifying
34 warning signs and proactive solutions for the assessment, treatment,
35 and reduction of violence by persons with a mental health crisis. The
36 commission shall publish the study and distribute the study to first
37 responders by December 31, 2024.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The sum of \$50,000,000, or as much thereof
2 as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year ending June
3 30, 2024, from the general fund to the office of the superintendent
4 of public instruction to develop a grant program with local law
5 enforcement to develop an onsite security presence of school resource
6 officers at public and private schools to respond to any physical
7 threat pursuant to section 3 of this act.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The sum of \$50,000,000, or as much thereof
9 as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year ending June
10 30, 2024, from the general fund to the office of the superintendent
11 of public instruction to allow school districts to acquire structural
12 upgrades for school facilities in order to provide enhanced security
13 and safety pursuant to section 3 of this act.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** The sum of \$10,000,000, or as much thereof
15 as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year ending June
16 30, 2024, from the general fund to the criminal justice training
17 commission for the study of certain defined rifle accessories
18 pursuant to section 2 of this act, and to study mental health
19 evaluations of people in crisis pursuant to section 4 of this act."

20 On page 15, beginning on line 6, after "insert" strike all
21 material through "emergency" on line 8 and insert "creating new
22 sections; and making appropriations"

- EFFECT: (1) Directs the CJTC to study the effects of various firearm accessories, including time for reloading, and use of AR-15s by the military.
(2) Directs the OSPI to develop a grant program for the security of K-12 public and private schools.
(3) Directs the CJTC to conduct a study on mental health evaluations of people in crisis and mass shootings.
(4) Appropriates funding for each study and grant program.

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