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**HOUSE BILL 1011**

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**By Representative Jacobsen**

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1 AN ACT Relating to school safety capital grants; and adding a new  
2 section to chapter 28A.525 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.525  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) The office of the superintendent of public instruction may  
7 administer a school safety capital grant program as provided for in  
8 this section.

9 (2) Project eligibility.

10 (a) Grants provided pursuant to this section may only be awarded  
11 for school safety projects that make physical improvements intended  
12 to advance the safety or security of a school facility. Examples of  
13 eligible project types under this section include, but are not  
14 limited to: (i) Design and construction of security vestibules; (ii)  
15 purchase and installation of metal detectors, facility key card  
16 access, remote door access, panic buttons, or silent alarms; (iii)  
17 fencing; (iv) lighting; and (v) crime prevention through  
18 environmental design projects.

19 (b) Grantees must use grants awarded under this section to  
20 incorporate, to the extent applicable to the project type, crime  
21 prevention through environmental design principles.

1 (3) Applicant eligibility. Common schools, state-tribal education  
2 compact schools, and charter schools are eligible to apply for grants  
3 under this section. For charter schools, the office of the  
4 superintendent of public instruction may award grants only from  
5 funding sources other than the common school construction fund.

6 (4) Application process. Subject to the availability of amounts  
7 appropriated for this specific purpose, the office of the  
8 superintendent of public instruction shall develop a competitive  
9 grant application process and assist eligible applicants in matters  
10 related to applying for grants under this section.

11 (5) Administration.

12 (a) The office of the superintendent of public instruction may  
13 use up to three percent of amounts appropriated for the grant program  
14 under this section for costs that result from administration of the  
15 program.

16 (b) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall  
17 award grants under this section on a competitive basis and shall  
18 adopt rules for this purpose.

19 (c) Prior to receiving funding, applicants for a grant under this  
20 section must demonstrate that the project site is under their control  
21 for a minimum of 10 years, either through ownership or a long-term  
22 lease.

23 (d) In contracts for grants authorized under this section, the  
24 office of the superintendent of public instruction shall include  
25 provisions that require that capital improvements be held by the  
26 grantee for a specified period of time appropriate to the amount of  
27 the grant and that facilities be used for the express purpose of the  
28 grant. If the office of the superintendent of public instruction  
29 finds the grantee to be out of compliance with provisions of the  
30 contract, the grantee shall repay the amount of the grant award to  
31 the appropriate state fund, as determined by the office of the  
32 superintendent of public instruction. If the source of grant funding  
33 was general obligation bonds, then the repayment required for grant  
34 noncompliance under this subsection must be made to the state general  
35 fund and must include the principal amount of the grant plus interest  
36 calculated at the rate of interest on state of Washington general  
37 obligation bonds issued most closely to the date of authorization of  
38 the grant.

39 (6) Matching funding.

1           (a) Except as provided for under (b) of this subsection, the  
2 office of the superintendent of public instruction shall require  
3 grantees under this section to provide matching nonstate funding  
4 equal to at least 100 percent of the state grant award.

5           (b) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall  
6 reduce the required matching percentage under (a) of this subsection  
7 for applicants that have more than the statewide average percentage  
8 of students eligible for free and reduced-price meals. When  
9 determining a reduced nonstate match under this section, the office  
10 of the superintendent of public instruction shall reduce the required  
11 match only by the amount it deems necessary to enable the applicant's  
12 participation in the grant program. However, a grantee receiving a  
13 reduced match under this subsection must provide a minimum nonstate  
14 match of at least 25 percent of the total estimated project cost  
15 pursuant to subsection (7) of this section.

16           (7) Maximum project cost. Projects receiving a grant award under  
17 this section must have a total estimated project cost of \$1,000,000  
18 or less.

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