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Chapter 1. School Safety

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Definitions

Sec. 1. The following definitions apply throughout this chapter:

- (1) "ADM" refers to average daily membership determined under IC 20-43-4-2.
- (2) "Board" refers to the secured school safety board established by section 3 of this chapter.
- (3) "Fund" refers to the Indiana secured school fund established by section 2 of this chapter.
- (4) "Local plan" means the school safety plan described in IC 20-26-18.2-2(b).
- (5) "School corporation or charter school" refers to an individual school corporation, a school corporation career and technical education school described in IC 20-37-1-1, or a charter school but also includes:
 - (A) a coalition of school corporations;
 - (B) a coalition of charter schools; or
 - (C) a coalition of both school corporations and charter schools;that intend to jointly employ a school resource officer or to jointly apply for a matching grant under this chapter, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.
- (6) "School resource officer" has the meaning set forth in IC 20-26-18.2-1.

As added by P.L.172-2013, SEC.6. Amended by P.L.40-2014, SEC.6.

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Indiana secured school fund

Sec. 2. (a) The Indiana secured school fund is established to provide matching grants to enable school corporations and charter schools to establish programs under which a school corporation or charter school (or a coalition of schools) may:

- (1) employ a school resource officer or enter into a contract or a memorandum of understanding with a:
 - (A) local law enforcement agency;
 - (B) private entity; or
 - (C) nonprofit corporation;to employ a school resource officer;
- (2) conduct a threat assessment of the buildings within a school corporation or operated by a charter school; or
- (3) purchase equipment and technology to:
 - (A) restrict access to school property; or
 - (B) expedite notification of first responders.

(b) The fund shall be administered by the department of homeland security.

(c) The fund consists of:

- (1) appropriations from the general assembly;
- (2) grants from the Indiana safe schools fund established by IC 5-2-10.1-2;
- (3) federal grants; and
- (4) amounts deposited from any other public or private source.

(d) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund.

(e) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.

(f) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund.

As added by P.L.172-2013, SEC.6.

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Secured school safety board

Sec. 3. (a) The secured school safety board is established to approve or disapprove applications for matching grants to fund programs described in section 2(a) of this chapter.

(b) The board consists of seven (7) members appointed as follows:

- (1) The executive director of the department of homeland security or the executive director's designee. The executive director of the department of homeland security or the executive director's designee serves as the chairperson of the board.
- (2) The attorney general or the attorney general's designee.
- (3) The superintendent of the state police department or the superintendent's designee.
- (4) A local law enforcement officer appointed by the governor.
- (5) The state superintendent of public instruction or the superintendent's designee.
- (6) The director of the criminal justice institute or the director's designee.
- (7) An employee of a local school corporation or a charter school appointed by the governor.

(c) The board shall establish criteria to be used in evaluating applications for matching grants from the fund. These criteria must:

- (1) be consistent with the fund's goals; and
- (2) provide for an equitable distribution of grants to school corporations and charter schools located throughout Indiana.

As added by P.L.172-2013, SEC.6.

IC 10-21-1-4

Matching grants for school safety

Sec. 4. (a) The board may award a matching grant to enable a school corporation or charter school (or a coalition of schools

applying jointly) to establish a program to employ a school resource officer, provide school resource officer training described in IC 20-26-18.2-1(b)(2), conduct a threat assessment, or purchase equipment to restrict access to the school or expedite the notification of first responders in accordance with section 2(a) of this chapter.

(b) A matching grant awarded to a school corporation or charter school (or a coalition of schools applying jointly) may not exceed the lesser of the following during a two (2) year period beginning on or after May 1, 2013:

(1) The total cost of the program established by the school corporation or charter school (or the coalition of schools applying jointly).

(2) The following amounts:

(A) Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) per year, in the case of a school corporation or charter school that:

(i) has an ADM of at least one thousand (1,000); and

(ii) is not applying jointly with any other school corporation or charter school.

(B) Thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) per year, in the case of a school corporation or charter school that:

(i) has an ADM of less than one thousand (1,000); and

(ii) is not applying jointly with any other school corporation or charter school.

(C) Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) per year, in the case of a coalition of schools applying jointly.

(c) A school corporation or charter school may receive only one (1) matching grant under this section each year.

(d) The board may not award a grant to a school corporation or charter school under this chapter unless the school corporation or charter school is in a county that has a county school safety commission, as described in IC 5-2-10.1-10.

As added by P.L.172-2013, SEC.6. Amended by P.L.30-2014, SEC.1.

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Matching grant application procedure

Sec. 5. (a) A school corporation or charter school may annually apply to the board for a matching grant from the fund for a program described in section 2(a) of this chapter.

(b) The application must include the following:

(1) A concise description of the school corporation's or charter school's security needs.

(2) The estimated cost of the program to the school corporation or charter school.

(3) The extent to which the school corporation or charter school has access to and support from a nearby law enforcement agency, if applicable.

(4) The ADM of the school corporation or charter school (or the combined ADM of the coalition of schools applying jointly).

(5) Any other information required by the board.

(6) A statement whether the school corporation or charter

school has completed a local plan and has filed the plan with the county school safety commission for the county in which the school corporation or charter school is located.

As added by P.L.172-2013, SEC.6.

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Repayment of matching grant not required

Sec. 6. A school corporation or charter school that is awarded a matching grant under this chapter is not required to repay or reimburse the board or fund the amount of the matching grant.

As added by P.L.172-2013, SEC.6.

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Department of homeland security to annually report to budget committee concerning the matching grant program

Sec. 7. The department of homeland security shall report before October 1 of each year to the budget committee concerning matching grants awarded under this chapter during the previous fiscal year.

As added by P.L.172-2013, SEC.6.