

# SENATE BILL NO. 561

October 08, 2019, Introduced by Senator STAMAS and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled  
"The state school aid act of 1979,"  
(MCL 388.1601 to 388.1897/) by adding section 97.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 97. (1) In addition to the appropriations under section  
2 11, there is appropriated for 2019-2020 only for the purposes of  
3 this section an amount not to exceed \$5,200,000.00 from the state  
4 school aid fund and an amount not to exceed \$4,800,000.00 from the  
5 general fund.

(2) From the general fund money appropriated under subsection (1), the department, in consultation with the department of state police, may award up to \$3,800,000.00 for a grant to support a contract for the purpose of implementing a statewide secure schools program and phone application in public and nonpublic schools that operate any of grades K to 12. The application must be able to do all of the following simultaneously:

(a) Allow authorized users to place a voice call to 911.

(b) Provide intelligent notifications through text messaging and electronic mail.

(c) Provide push notifications that contain information regarding the identity and location of the reporting party, the response type required based on the incident type, and additional location details to relevant individuals in communities to which users belong, including, but not limited to, both of the following, as applicable, based on the location and category of the emergency event:

(i) Key stakeholders.

(ii) Authorized users, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

(A) School staff.

(B) School resource officers.

(C) 911 personnel.

(D) First responder agencies.

(d) Allow 911 personnel, school officials, and first responder agencies to send messages to panic button application users both during and after emergency events in order to facilitate ongoing communications and coordination.

(3) If the department and the department of state police fund

1 a statewide secure schools program as described in subsection (2),  
2 the program must be integrated with this state's current  
3 supplemental 911 database to maintain information voluntarily  
4 provided by individuals and facility managers through a secure web  
5 application. Any information submitted by a district under the  
6 statewide secure schools program, including, but not limited to,  
7 information regarding floor plans, automated external  
8 defibrillators, school safety plans, reunification plans, and entry  
9 or exit points, must automatically appear to 911 personnel each  
10 time the panic button application is activated.

11 (4) Funds allocated under subsection (2) may be used toward  
12 the initial costs associated with the implementation of a statewide  
13 secure schools program under subsection (2), including installation  
14 costs, training costs, and maintenance costs. A grant recipient may  
15 apply a portion of a grant payment awarded under subsection (2) in  
16 2020-2021 to support ongoing costs. After 2020-2021, any ongoing  
17 costs must be supported solely by the grant recipient.

18 (5) The department and the department of state police may  
19 decide not to fund a statewide secure schools program as described  
20 under subsection (2).

21 (6) Funds remaining after any funds are allocated by the  
22 department and the department of state police for a statewide  
23 secure schools program described under subsection (2) must be used  
24 to provide and administer competitive grants to public or nonpublic  
25 schools, districts, and intermediate districts to purchase  
26 technology equipment, upgrade hardening measures, or conduct school  
27 building safety assessments to improve the safety and security of  
28 school buildings, pupils, and school staff with the goal of  
29 creating a safer school environment through equipment and

1 technology enhancements. The department of state police, grants and  
2 community services division, shall administer the grant program  
3 described in this subsection. All grants under this subsection must  
4 be funded on a reimbursement-only basis. Grants under this  
5 subsection must not exceed \$50,000.00 for each school and  
6 \$250,000.00 for each district or intermediate district.

7 (7) All of the following apply to the application process for  
8 funding under subsection (6):

9 (a) A public or nonpublic school, district, or intermediate  
10 district shall submit an application for funding under subsection  
11 (6) directly to the department of state police, grants and  
12 community services division.

13 (b) An application from a district or intermediate district  
14 under this subsection must be for 1 or more buildings that have  
15 some or all of pre-K to grade 12 classrooms and pupils.

16 (c) An applicant may submit only 1 application.

17 (d) An individual school may submit its own application but  
18 must not also be included in its district's application if the  
19 district submits an application under this subsection.

20 (e) The department of state police shall award grants to  
21 applicants based on eligibility, the project description, and  
22 whether the project reflects the highest security need of the  
23 applicant within grant funding constraints, the budget narrative,  
24 the budget, project goals, objectives, and performance measures.

25 (f) The department of state police shall give priority to all  
26 of the following applicants:

27 (i) Applicants seeking funding for projects that involve  
28 multiple agencies working in partnership.

29 (ii) Applicants seeking funding for proposals that seek to

1 secure exterior access points of school buildings.

2 (iii) Applicants that did not receive a school safety grant in  
3 the past.

4 (iv) Applicants that did not receive a grant under section 1001  
5 of article XX of 2018 PA 207 or under section 115 of 2018 PA 618.

6 (g) To be awarded a grant, an applicant must demonstrate proof  
7 that the school, district, or intermediate district has an  
8 emergency operation plan that had been updated after August 1, 2017  
9 to align with the state emergency operations plan guidance and  
10 statewide school safety information policy developed under section  
11 1308 of the revised school code, MCL 380.1308.

12 (h) The department of state police shall issue grant guidance  
13 and application materials, including required performance measures,  
14 not later than February 1, 2020.

15 (8) The department of state police shall not award funding  
16 under subsection (6) to a public or nonpublic school, district, or  
17 intermediate district in relation to the same school building more  
18 than once. If a district submits an application under subsection  
19 (7) relating to a school building and a school within that district  
20 also submits an application for funding in relation to that same  
21 school building, the department of state police shall not allocate  
22 funding under subsection (6) twice for that school building. If a  
23 school, district, or intermediate district submits more than 1  
24 application, the department of state police shall first consider  
25 the most recent application submitted in considering funding under  
26 subsection (6).

27 (9) Eligible expenses for reimbursement under subsection (6)  
28 must be consistent with the recommendations of the school safety  
29 task force created by Executive Order No. 2018-5. The department of

1 state police shall list the eligible expenses in the grant guidance  
2 and application materials described under subsection (7). The  
3 following items are not eligible expenses for which grant funds may  
4 be applied:

5 (a) Weapons, including tasers.

6 (b) Personal body armor for routine use.

7 (c) Construction of new facilities.

8 (d) Costs in applying for the grant, such as consultants and  
9 grant writers.

10 (e) Expenses incurred before the date of the award or after  
11 the end of the performance period of the grant award.

12 (f) Personnel costs or operation costs related to a capital  
13 improvement.

14 (g) Indirect costs or indirect administrative expenses.

15 (h) Travel.

16 (i) Contributions or donations.

17 (j) Management or administrative training and conferences,  
18 except as otherwise preapproved by the department of state police.

19 (k) Management studies or research and development.

20 (l) Memberships and dues, except for a specific requirement of  
21 the project that has been preapproved by the department of state  
22 police.

23 (m) Vehicles, watercraft, or aircraft, including unmanned or  
24 remotely piloted aircraft and vehicles.

25 (n) Service contracts and training beyond the performance  
26 period of the grant award.

27 (o) Food, refreshments, and snacks.

28 (10) A grantee under section 1001 of article XX of 2018 PA 207  
29 or under section 115 of 2018 PA 618 is not prohibited from applying

1 for, and receiving, a grant award under this section.

2 (11) The department of state police shall begin issuing awards  
3 for grants under subsection (6) not later than May 1, 2020. A  
4 project that is awarded a grant under this program must be  
5 completed by July 1, 2021.

6 (12) The department of state police shall report on grant  
7 activities under this section, including available performance  
8 outcomes as identified in individual grant agreements, to the  
9 senate and house appropriations subcommittees on state police, the  
10 senate and house fiscal agencies, and the state budget office by  
11 August 1, 2021.

12 (13) The funds allocated for school safety grants under this  
13 section for 2019-2020 are a work project appropriation, and any  
14 unexpended funds for 2019-2020 do not lapse to the general fund and  
15 are carried forward into 2020-2021. The purpose of the work project  
16 is to continue promoting safer school environments. The estimated  
17 completion date of the work project is July 1, 2021.

18 (14) The department of state police shall ensure that a grant  
19 to a nonpublic school under this section is funded from the general  
20 fund money allocated under this section.

21 Enacting section 1. In accordance with section 30 of article  
22 IX of the state constitution of 1963, total state spending on  
23 school aid under article I of the state school aid act of 1979,  
24 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1601 to 388.1772, as amended by 2019 PA 58 and  
25 this amendatory act, from state sources for fiscal year 2019-2020  
26 is estimated at \$13,402,185,100.00 and state appropriations for  
27 school aid to be paid to local units of government for fiscal year  
28 2019-2020 are estimated at \$13,192,265,300.00.