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INTRODUCTION**

SENATE FILE NO. [BILL NUMBER]

School safety and security.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Ellis

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to student and school safety and security;
2 modifying duties of the state superintendent of public
3 instruction and school district boards of trustees; creating
4 a fine relating to unlawfully passing a school bus; clarifying
5 school safety drill requirements; providing an appropriation;
6 and providing for an effective date.

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8 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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STAFF COMMENT

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13 **This bill draft has not been through the complete LSO internal**
14 **review process and further technical or substantive changes**
15 **may be required.**

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1 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-2-202(a) by creating a new paragraph
2 (xxxviii), 21-3-110(a) by creating new paragraphs (xxxvii)
3 and (xxxviii), 21-3-131(b)(x), 31-5-507 by creating new
4 subsections (e) and (f) and 35-9-505(b) are amended to read:

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6 **21-2-202. Duties of the state superintendent.**

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8 (a) In addition to any other duties assigned by law, the
9 state superintendent shall:

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11 (xxxviii) In consultation with the office of
12 homeland security, the attorney general's office and the
13 state construction department, create model school safety and
14 security guidelines to assist school districts in development
15 of comprehensive safety and security plans, as required by
16 W.S. 21-3-110(a)(xxxvii).

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18 **21-3-110. Duties of boards of trustees.**

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20 (a) The board of trustees in each school district shall:

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22 (xxxvii) Develop a comprehensive safety and
23 security plan for all school district facilities to prevent

1 a violent intruder attack, including a violent student
2 attack, and to maximize safety of students and staff during
3 a violent intruder attack. The school district may use any
4 portion of department of education school safety and security
5 guidelines in developing its own plan. The plan shall be
6 submitted to the department of education during the school
7 district's accreditation review. The plan is not a public
8 record available for public inspection under the Public
9 Records Act, W.S. 16-4-201 et seq. The plan shall, at a
10 minimum, include the following elements:

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12 (A) Intervention techniques and strategies to
13 use with students who demonstrate signs of having the
14 potential to engage in violent behavior, including
15 coordination with local mental health services and social
16 services;

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18 (B) Publicization to all school district staff
19 and students regarding the state's student and school safety
20 call center, as authorized in W.S. 9-1-603(a)(ix);

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1 (C) Publicization to all district staff of
2 readily available digital applications to alert first
3 responders to emergency situations;

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5 (D) A description of how the school district
6 will evaluate, procure and implement advances in school
7 safety and security technology;

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9 (E) A description of how the school district
10 will coordinate effectively with law enforcement resources;

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12 (F) A system to comply with the staff training
13 requirements contained in paragraph (a)(xxxviii) of this
14 section.

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16 (xxxviii) Establish and implement a system to
17 annually train all school district employees on techniques to
18 improve school safety and security in the event of a violent
19 intruder attack. The training shall be provided by a
20 nationally recognized organization in school safety and
21 security training. The system shall include methods to:

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1 (A) Recognize a violent intruder attack has
2 commenced;

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4 (B) Clearly and directly notify other
5 individuals within a school and law enforcement officials
6 that a violent intruder attack has commenced;

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8 (C) Safely and strategically evacuate during
9 a violent intruder attack;

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11 (D) Barricade or otherwise secure a room or
12 other portion of a school facility during a violent intruder
13 attack;

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15 (E) Use noise, movement, distance, distraction
16 and subterfuge to interrupt a violent intruder attack.

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18 **21-3-131. School bus standards; operators; vehicle**
19 **operation; liability limited.**

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21 (b) Each district shall establish and maintain minimum
22 standards for the operation of school buses, including:

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1 (x) Effective school year 2016-2017, and each
2 school year thereafter, all school buses transporting
3 students to and from school and to and from student
4 activities, as defined under W.S. 21-13-320(b)(i) and (ii),
5 shall be equipped with an external video system and may be
6 equipped with an internal video system. Equipment
7 specifications shall be prescribed by rule and regulation of
8 the department. Recordings or images from a video system
9 installed under this paragraph shall not be a public record
10 under the Public Records Act, W.S. 16-4-201 et seq. Recordings
11 or images may be entered into evidence for a violation of
12 W.S. 31-5-507(a) and may be discoverable for criminal
13 actions.

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15 **31-5-507. Meeting or passing stopped school bus;**
16 **markings and visual signals.**

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18 (e) When a recording or image from a video system
19 installed under W.S. 21-3-131(b)(x) evidences that a vehicle
20 has been engaged in a violation of subsection (a) of this
21 section and the identity of the driver of the vehicle is
22 unknown, the person is whose name the vehicle is registered
23 shall be fined one hundred dollars (\$100.00). A certificate,

1 based on inspection of recorded images produced by an external
2 video system equipped on a school bus pursuant to W.S.
3 21-3-131(b)(x) and sworn to or affirmed by a law enforcement
4 officer shall be prima facie evidence of the facts contained
5 in it.

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7 (f) It shall be a defense to enforcement of a fine
8 pursued under subsection (e) of this section that the person
9 issued the fine was not operating the vehicle at the time of
10 the violation.

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12 **35-9-505. Applicability; fire and safety drills required**
13 **in schools; supervision of drills.**

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15 (b) In every public and private school in Wyoming, there
16 shall be a fire drill at least once every month. Safety drills
17 may be used in lieu of fire drills if approved by and
18 coordinated with the local fire department provided fire
19 drills are conducted at each school not less than four (4)
20 times during any one (1) academic year and further provided
21 the school's fire alarm is tested at each fire or safety
22 drill. A safety drill includes any organized response to a
23 potential threat to the health and safety of the student

1 population including a violent intruder. The school
2 administration shall supervise and administer this subsection
3 and shall determine the types of safety drills appropriate
4 for each school. In localities where a paid fire department
5 is maintained, a fire department member shall be requested to
6 be in attendance at each fire or safety drill conducted within
7 a school for the purpose of instruction and constructive
8 criticism.

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10 **Section 2.**

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12 (a) There is appropriated one hundred thousand dollars
13 (\$100,000.00) from the school foundation program account to
14 the department of education. This appropriation shall only be
15 expended for purposes of assisting school districts to
16 provide safety and security training to school district
17 staff. The department shall endeavor to provide funding to as
18 many school districts as possible. The appropriation provided
19 in this section shall be for the period beginning July 1,
20 2019 and ending June 30, 2020. Notwithstanding any other
21 provision of law, this appropriation shall not be transferred
22 or expended for any other purposes and any unexpended funds
23 shall revert to the school foundation program account on July

1 1, 2020. The department's standard budget request for fiscal
2 years 2021-2022 shall include a similar appropriation
3 request.

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5 (b) By July 1, 2019, a school district may apply to the
6 department for financial assistance to provide safety and
7 security training to school district staff. Application shall
8 be on a form and in a manner prescribed by the department.

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10 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2019.

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