

THE STATE SCHOOL AID ACT OF 1979 (EXCERPT)
Act 94 of 1979

***** 388.1697.amended THIS AMENDED SECTION IS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022 *****

388.1697.amended School and student safety grant program; community input requirements.

Sec. 97. (1) From the state school aid fund money appropriated in section 11, there is allocated \$150,000,000.00 for 2022-2023 only, and from the general fund money appropriated in section 11, there is allocated \$18,000,000.00 for 2022-2023 only, to provide payments to districts and nonpublic schools for activities to improve student safety. Allowable expenditures of funds allocated under this section include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) Coordination with local law enforcement.
- (b) Training for school staff on threat assessment.
- (c) Training for school staff and students on threat response.
- (d) Training for school staff on crisis communication.

(e) Safety infrastructure, including, but not limited to, cameras, door blocks, hardened vestibules, window screening, and technology necessary to operate buzzer systems. This may also include firearm detection software that integrates to existing security cameras to detect and alert school personnel and first responders to visible firearms on school property. The software described in the immediately preceding sentence must be organically developed and proprietary to the company it is purchased from and should not include any third-party or open-source data.

(f) Age-appropriate training for students and families on responsible gun ownership.

(g) Providing professional development to school resource officers that includes training on the best practices for serving in a school setting.

(h) Any other school safety service or product necessary to improve or maintain security in buildings.

(2) From the state school aid fund money allocated in subsection (1), the department shall make payments to districts in an equal amount per pupil based on the total number of pupils in membership in each district. From the general fund money allocated in subsection (1), the department shall make payments to nonpublic schools in an equal amount per pupil, using pupil counts determined by the department. The department shall ensure that the amount per pupil paid to nonpublic schools does not exceed the amount per pupil paid to districts.

(3) If funding remains after the distribution of funds described in subsection (2), the department may provide additional per-pupil allocations to allocate remaining funding, using for those calculations the same requirements described in subsection (2).

(4) To receive funding under this section, districts and nonpublic schools must apply for the funding in a form and manner prescribed by the department. As part of the application process described in this subsection, districts and nonpublic schools must document how they will use community input to guide the expenditure of these funds and must commit to hosting at least 1 community conversation about school safety and student mental health.

(5) Notwithstanding section 17b, the department shall make payments under this section on a schedule determined by the department.

History: Add. 2021, Act 48, Eff. Oct. 1, 2021;—Am. 2022, Act 144, Eff. Oct. 1, 2022.

Compiler's note: The repealed section pertained to competitive grants to improve the safety and security of school buildings, pupils, and staff.

Former MCL 388.1697, which pertained to competitive grants to improve the safety and security of school buildings, pupils, and staff was repealed by Act 146 of 2020, Imd. Eff. July 31, 2020.