

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 1153

AN ACT

To amend chapter 160, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to public school safety assessments.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 160, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 160.661, to read as follows:

160.661. 1. The department of elementary and secondary education shall conduct a safety assessment of every public school and public charter school in the state pursuant to the provisions of this section. The department of public safety shall provide reasonable assistance to the department of elementary and secondary education in order to implement the provisions of this section.

2. The school safety assessments shall include, but shall not be limited to, a consideration of each school building's vulnerabilities to school shootings and intruders, and shall include an assessment of each school's implementation of the following safety procedures, policies, and tools:

(1) Access controls, including the safety of school doors, locking devices, intercom or buzzer systems, and vestibules;

(2) Video surveillance equipment used to monitor school buildings and buses;

(3) Visitor management systems, including software that records the usage of school facilities by visitors;

(4) Building security systems, including intruder alarms and surveillance systems;

(5) Emergency communication tools, including safety alert messaging systems;

(6) School safety procedures and policies, including safety planning, vulnerability assessments, and staff training;

(7) Bleeding control kits, including tourniquets, bleeding control bandages, latex-free protective gloves, permanent markers, and instructional documents developed by the United States Department of Homeland Security's Stop the Bleed national awareness campaign or the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma, or both;

(8) Automatic external defibrillators used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest;

(9) Fencing to secure playgrounds;

(10) Bollards to protect front entrances; and

(11) Safety film to prevent the shattering of glass in doors, windows, and sidelights.

3. Based upon the findings of the safety assessments, the department of elementary and secondary education shall provide to each public school and charter school a report summarizing each school's safety vulnerabilities in the areas outlined in subsection 2 of this section, and shall provide specific recommendations for mitigating any such safety vulnerabilities.

4. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to relieve any school district, public school, or public charter school from the responsibility to maintain school safety standards established in the Missouri school improvement program or otherwise required by state or federal law.