

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 523

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to school security; making an
8 appropriation to the Oklahoma Department of Emergency
9 Management for certain purpose; amending 74 O.S.
10 2021, Section 51.2b, as amended by Section 5, Chapter
11 302, O.S.L. 2022 (74 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 51.2b),
12 which relates to the Oklahoma School Security Grant
13 Program Act; directing awards provided after certain
14 date to be used for certain purposes; providing for
15 noncodification; providing an effective date; and
16 declaring an emergency.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
19 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

20 There is hereby appropriated to the Oklahoma Department of
21 Emergency Management from any monies not otherwise appropriated from
22 the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury for the fiscal year
23 ending June 30, 2024, the sum of Fifty Million Dollars
24 (\$50,000,000.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary to be
25 deposited in the Oklahoma School Security Revolving Fund created
26 pursuant to Section 51.2c of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes to
27 administer the Oklahoma School Security Grant Program created

1 pursuant to Section 51.2b of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes and
2 provide grants to public schools and private schools serving
3 students in grades pre-kindergarten through twelve.

4 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 51.2b, as
5 amended by Section 5, Chapter 302, O.S.L. 2022 (74 O.S. Supp. 2022,
6 Section 51.2b), is amended to read as follows:

7 Section 51.2b. A. This section shall be known and may be cited
8 as the "Oklahoma School Security Grant Program Act".

9 B. The Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management shall
10 solicit proposals for and make grants for the enhancement of campus
11 security at institutions of higher learning, technology center
12 schools, public schools, and private schools.

13 C. The goals and objectives of the Oklahoma School Security
14 Grant Program are to:

15 1. Increase the awareness of the public and educational
16 institutions of the risks, threats, and vulnerabilities of school
17 campuses as well as mitigation strategies;

18 2. Incentivize participation in school security training
19 programs designed to assess campus risks, threats, and
20 vulnerabilities;

21 3. Provide assistance to institutions of higher learning,
22 technology center schools, public schools, and private schools
23 initiating or implementing school security plans, programs, and
24 activities; and

1 4. Build upon the success of the pilot Education Grant Program
2 established by the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security.

3 D. 1. The Department shall determine grant project criteria
4 and establish a process for the consideration of proposals. The
5 proposals shall be considered on a statewide competitive basis among
6 peer institutions.

7 2. Oklahoma School Security Grant Program awards funded
8 pursuant to Section 1 of this act beginning July 1, 2023, shall be
9 used by public schools or private schools serving students in grades
10 pre-kindergarten through twelve for the following purposes:

11 a. the salaries and/or benefits of school security
12 personnel,

13 b. conducting risk and vulnerability assessments and
14 behavioral threat assessments and implementing
15 modifications based on assessment results,

16 c. security technology,

17 d. updating school building security, and

18 e. developing emergency response plans with local law
19 enforcement agencies and emergency medical service
20 providers.

21 E. On or before January 1, 2010, and each year thereafter, the
22 Department shall prepare an annual report on the Oklahoma School
23 Security Grant Program and submit the report to the Governor, the
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1 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
2 Representatives.

3 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

4 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
5 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby
6 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
7 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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