Senate Fiscal Summary

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House Bill 1417

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Full Year Impact:	\$0

Bill Summary and Fiscal Analysis:

This bill creates the School Access for Emergency Response, or SAFER, Act. It creates in the State Department of Education the School Access for Emergency Response Grant Program to provide grants to schools for needed interoperable communication hardware and software, equipment maintenance, and training to allow for seamless communications between first responder communications systems, new or existing school district communications systems, and new or existing school based systems. It allows a grant to be used to deliver training programs for district safety teams and security personnel, to implement an interoperable technology solution, and to maintain or improve a school's existing interoperable communication hardware or software or to provide communication hardware and software.

The bill directs the State Board of Education to implement the program in consultation with a 7 member grant selection committee. It requires an applying school to have a memorandum of understanding with its regional public safety answering point and the local law enforcement agency or agencies that serve the school for communications interoperability. It requires grant recipients to submit a report to the State Department of Education by January 15, 2028, and each January 15 for the duration of the grant program. It creates the School Access for Emergency Response Revolving Fund.

This bill has no fiscal impact.

Fiscal Impact provided by the State Department of Education.