

Box Elder School District Safety and Security

Utah HB84

HB84

Overview

- Passed during the 2024 legislative session.
- Went in to effect May 01, 2024.
- 85 pages, 2847 lines.
- Amends the International Fire Code;
- Requires certain state buildings and schools to have emergency communication systems;
- Requires school resource officer training to be developed by the state security chief;

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- Establishes duties of the state security chief and a county security chief in relation to school safety initiatives;
- Establishes a school guardian program;
- Requires threat reporting by state employees and others if they become aware of threats to schools;
- Establishes some reporting from the SafeUT Crisis Line to the state's intelligence databases;
- Requires certain school safety data to be included in the annual school disciplinary report;

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- Expands requirements for school resource officer contracts and policies;
- Requires a local education agency (LEA) to ensure that each school within the LEA conduct a school safety needs assessment;
- Requires designation of certain school safety personnel;
- Clarifies that a school may share certain information regarding an incident of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, abusive conduct, or retaliation with a parent upon request;

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- Requires a school to provide regular communication updates to a parent regarding the implementation of an action plan to address an incident of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, abusive conduct, or retaliation;
- Requires an LEA to update the LEA's bullying, cyber-bullying, abusive conduct and retaliation policy related to certain social media use of a student;
- Requires an LEA to designate an individual for bullying incident response and outlines the individual's duties;

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- Requires panic alert devices and video camera access for schools and classrooms;
- Requires coordination of emergency call information with the state's intelligence system;
- Amends processes for secure firearm storage under certain circumstances to include school guardians; and
- Makes technical changes.

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School Safety and Security Director

- LEA shall designate a school safety and security director as the LEA point of contact for the county security chief, local law enforcement, and the state security chief;
- Participate in required trainings;
- Coordinate safety responses;
- Collaborate and maintain effective communication with outside agencies;
- May act as school guardian or S4 on temporary basis.

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School Safety and Security Specialist (S4)

- May not be the school principal;
- Reports directly to the school principal;
- Maintains effective communication with safety and security director;
- Oversees school safety and security practices;
- Conducts school safety needs assessments yearly;
- Participates on the school multidisciplinary team/conducts threat assessments.

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School Guardian

- School employee that is a volunteer for position;
- Approved by school administrator;
- Complete approved fit to carry assessment;
- Completes initial training within six months of joining program;
- Holds a valid Utah concealed carry permit;
- Complete annual and biannual trainings;
- Present at school bell to bell.

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Building Requirements

- Limited Entry Points and Windows
 - Managed point of entry/re-entry with proper visitor management.
 - Other access points that allow ingress/egress to remain closed and locked.
 - Window film.

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Building Requirements

- Video Surveillance and Exterior Cameras
 - Shall install interior and exterior cameras for video surveillance of each entrance.
 - Video recordings shall be maintained for 14 days.
 - Video recordings shall be made available to division upon request.

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Building Requirements

- Internal Classroom Door Locks
 - Classrooms and other instructional areas must be locked when occupied by students.
 - Internal lock shall be installed on all classroom or instructional area door.
 - Magnets or other methods to circumvent door locks may not be used.

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Building Requirements

- Bleed and First Aid Kits
 - Each classroom and large gathering area will be equipped with bleed and first aid kits.
 - Mandated list of items to be in each kit.

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Building Requirements

- Fencing Around Playgrounds
 - Schools shall install fencing that is minimum of six feet tall around school playgrounds and outdoor areas where school sponsored activities may take place.
 - Sufficient staff observing playground and outdoor areas substitutes for fencing.
 - School outdoor areas and playgrounds may be restricted from public access during school hours as determined by school.

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Building Requirement Timelines

- School year 2029-2030 for video surveillance, internal classroom door locks, and bleed/first aid kits.
- School year 2034-2035 for limited entry points and fencing.
- July 1, 2040 for window film. (Changed with HB40)

Current Progress

- 2024 school safety needs assessments completed and submitted.
- All schools in district measured for window film.
- All school cameras being updated. Camera access for LE Dispatch Center underway.
- Several demonstrations from companies on wearable devices.
- 2025 school safety grant submitted.
- School guardian training dates established with County Security Chief.
- School guardian interest forms ready to be sent out.

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Amendments to HB84

- Passes during the 2025 legislative session.
- 53 pages, 1789 lines
- Modifies communication device requirements for new construction to post-completion determination;
- Revises screening and training requirements for school safety personnel;
- Adjusts school safety personnel provisions;
- Changes safety assessment deadlines and frequency;

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- Establishes a school safety foundation for certain purposes;
- Creates compliance supports;
- Modifies certain administrative structures within the school safety program; and
- Makes technical changes.

Future Goals

- Two way radio communication for every school with district wide channel for emergencies.
- Emergency/Disaster supplies at all schools.
- NIMS Emergency Management training for district and building administrators.
- Continued trainings for staff on threat assessments (CSTAG) and Standard Response Protocols.
- Continued in-house training for guardians and teachers (HB119).