

H.R. 3665, the School Violence Prevention and Mitigation Act of 2019 Section by Section Summary

Sec. 2901 Independent Facility Security Risk Assessments

- Establishes a grant program, administered by the Director of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), that funds independent facility security risk assessments for individual public schools. The grant will cover 100% of cost to conduct the assessment.
- The school must submit an application to COPS that includes:
 - the size of the school
 - a report on the financial state of the school, including any Federal, State, or Local funds used in its budget
 - a certification that the school is unable to cover the cost of a risk assessment without the grant
- Priority is given to schools that have experienced an event in which an individual has inflicted deadly harm or attempts to inflict deadly harm against multiple individuals
- A school cannot receive a risk assessment grant if it has received a hard security grant in the previous 5 fiscal years, and a school cannot receive both in the same fiscal year.
- If a school experiences an event in which an individual has inflicted deadly harm or attempts to inflict deadly harm against multiple individuals, they are again eligible.

Sec. 2902 Hard Security Improvements

- Establishes a grant program, administered by COPS, that funds hard security improvements for individual public schools. The grant will cover 50% of cost, unless the school receives a financial hardship waiver from the COPS Director.
- The school must submit an application to COPS that includes:
 - The size of the school
 - a report on the financial state of the school, including any Federal, State, or Local funds used in its budget
 - a description of previous security improvements made at the school
 - the products and services that will be purchased with the grant funds, including an estimate of such costs and services
 - the results of the school's most recent independent facility security risk assessment
- Priority is given to schools that have experienced an event in which an individual has inflicted deadly harm or attempts to inflict deadly harm against multiple individuals or have a higher tier of vulnerability according to a school's most recent independent facility security risk assessment.
- A school is ineligible if it received a hard security grant in the previous 5 fiscal years or it has received an independent facility security risk assessment in the same fiscal year
- If a school experiences an event in which an individual has inflicted deadly harm or attempts to inflict deadly harm against multiple individuals, they are again eligible.
- A grant recipient must:
 - Make hard security improvements identified as necessary by the most recent risk assessment
 - Use the grant for installation of at least 1 silent panic alarm for use in a school security emergency, including a non-fire evacuation, lockdown, or active shooter situation, if a panic

alarm is not already installed or operable. The panic alarm must be directly linked to the closest local law enforcement agency to the grant recipient.

- Obtain written confirmation before entering into a contract with a vendor from whomever conducted its risk assessment that the products and services will mitigate a vulnerability identified by the risk assessment
- Ensure the improvements comply with local building code requirements and standards

Sec. 2903 Information Dissemination; Reports

- The COPS Director shall disseminate to each local education agency in the country information about grant availability under Sec. 2901 and 2902
- 30 days after a school experiences an event in which an individual inflicts deadly harm or attempts to against multiple individuals, the COPS Director shall verbally contact the head of such public school to let them know of their priority eligibly and offer technical assistance in the grant application process.
- Not later than 1 year after receiving either grant, the recipient shall submit to COPS a copy of the results of each security assessment and a list of each hard improvement made
- Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment, and annually thereafter, COPS shall submit to appropriate Congressional committees a report on the national state of physical security in schools, including the contents of grant recipient reports

Sec. 2904 Tiers of Vulnerability

- The COPS Director shall consult with school safety experts, including school resource officers, to issue guidelines implementing a 4-tier scale for use in independent security risk assessments. 4 is the highest level of vulnerability.
- The factors to be considered in determining the facility's level of vulnerability shall include:
 - The amount of violence occurring on campus involving deadly weapons, including knives longer than 3 inches, firearms, and explosives
 - The number of trespassers who have gained access to campus in the last 3 years
 - The ability of a school to carry out an active shooter drill
 - The state of existing school security related infrastructure

Sec. 2905 Definitions

- Appropriate Congressional Committee – House Judiciary, House Ed and the Workforce, and Senate Judiciary and HELP
- Hard security improvements – improvements to the infrastructure of school property perimeter, building perimeter, entrance and exit points of the school, video monitoring equipment, alert notification equipment, the interior and perimeter of the classroom, and any other physical improvements related to the camera systems, alarm and notification technology, and visitor management technologies deemed eligible by COPS.
- Independent Facility Security Risk Assessment – an assessment that that categorizes facility security needs into 4 tiers that identifies active shooter and related security vulnerabilities of public schools, considering security factors, including the strength and maintenance levels of the property perimeter, parking lot perimeter, building perimeter, and classroom perimeter. They must be conducted by an organization that is qualified under the DHS Protective Security Advisor Program, or is a state or federal law enforcement agency.
- Public School – a public elementary or secondary school, including Indian tribal government schools.

Sec. 2906 Authorization of Appropriations

- \$200,000,000 for each fiscal year 2020-2030 of which \$75,000,000 is made available for risk assessments and \$125,000,000 is made available for hard security improvements