



2025 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1035

Introduced by: The Chair of the House Committee on Appropriations at the request of the Department of Public Safety

1 **An Act to make an appropriation for school security enhancement grants.**

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 **Section 1.** There is appropriated \$10,000,000 from the general fund, to the Department of
 4 Public Safety, for providing security enhancement grants to school districts and to nonpublic
 5 schools accredited by the Department of Education. In order to be eligible for grant moneys
 6 under this Act, a school, whether public or nonpublic:

7 (1) Must have, within the past five years, undergone a security assessment conducted
 8 by a person approved by the Department of Public Safety;

9 (2) Must have in place a behavioral threat assessment team, the members of which
 10 have been trained using an evidence-based school behavioral threat assessment
 11 model approved by the Department of Public Safety; and

12 (3) Must submit verification of approval to apply from the board of the school district
 13 or the governing board of the nonpublic school.

14 **Section 2.** The Department of Public Safety shall provide grants not exceeding \$2,000,000
 15 annually, in accordance with this Act, based on applications received during the period
 16 beginning July first and ending August fifteenth. The department may expend moneys from
 17 the appropriation in section 1 of this Act for costs incurred in administering the grants.

18 **Section 3.** Grants provided in accordance with this Act may be used to purchase, install,
 19 improve, or support the operation of:

20 (1) Access control systems;

21 (2) Surveillance cameras;

22 (3) Panic buttons;

23 (4) Security lighting;

24 (5) Doors and locks;

25 (6) Fencing, gates, and barriers; and

1 (7) Other security enhancements recommended in the school's security assessment
2 and approved by the Department of Public Safety.

3 **Section 4.** The secretary of the Department of Public Safety shall approve vouchers and the
4 state auditor shall draw warrants to pay expenditures authorized in this Act.

5 **Section 5.** Any amounts appropriated in this Act not lawfully expended or obligated by June
6 30, 2030, shall revert in accordance with the procedures prescribed in chapter 4-8.

7 **Section 6.** This Act is effective beginning June 30, 2025.