

MEMORANDUM

To: Superintendents, Principals, Accredited Non-Public Schools, and Charter Schools

From: Stephen Balko, Director of School Building Security

Date: June 21, 2019

Re: House Enrolled Act 1004 – School Safety

Background:

House Enrolled Act 1004 (HEA 1004) makes changes to the Secured Schools Grant Fund, and the Safe Schools Fund. School resource officers (SROs) may no longer be funded through the Safe Schools Fund; however, the Secured Schools Fund can now be used to employ a law enforcement officer. Next, the Secured Schools Grant is available to accredited nonpublic schools. HEA 1004 also introduces the requirement of a threat assessment by July 1, 2021, as a condition for eligibility prior to applying for a Secured Schools Grant. Additionally, beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, active shooter drills will be required in school corporations, charter schools, and accredited non-public schools.

Guidance:

HEA 1004 made the Secured Schools Grant available to public school corporations, charter schools, and accredited non-public schools. It has specifically excluded virtual charter schools and virtual non-public schools.

HEA 1004 made changes to the Secured Schools Grant fund maximum awards and the match requirements. Below are the new tiers:

- ADM 1 – 500
 - ≤ \$35,000 – 25% Match
 - ≤ \$50,000 – 50% Match
 - ≤ \$100,000 – 100% Match
- ADM 501 – 1,000
 - ≤ \$50,000 – 50% Match
 - ≤ \$100,000 – 100% Match
- ADM 1,001+
 - ≤ \$100,000 – 100% Match

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Additionally, HEA 1004 does not allow the use of the Safe Schools Grant to pay SROs. SROs may be funded through the Secured Schools Grant Fund. The Secured Schools Grant can also be used to employ a law enforcement officer without school resource officer specific training.

Before July 1, 2021, corporations, charters, and non-publics must certify to the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (DHS) that they have conducted a threat assessment for each building before applying for a School Safety Grant. Schools may use grant money to conduct a threat assessment to prepare for the upcoming requirement. DHS has not yet provided information as to the specific requirements of the threat assessment. Until information becomes available from DHS schools should proceed cautiously.

Beginning with the 2019 – 2020 school year, schools must conduct at least one active shooter drill within 90 days after the school year begins as part of the requirements under the manmade occurrence disaster drills. Each charter and accredited non-public school shall conduct at least one active shooter drill each year.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Balko at 317-232-4914 or e-mail at sbalko@doe.in.gov.

This bill was authored by Representative Wendy McNamara and the full bill text can be found [here](#). Information regarding how to contact your legislators can be found [here](#).