

MEMORANDUM

To: Superintendents and Principals
From: Stephen Balko, Director of School Safety
Date: July 12, 2019
Re: House Enrolled Act 1224 - School Intergenerational Safety Pilot Project

Background:

House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1224 establishes the school intergenerational safety pilot project to foster positive youth development through intergenerational relationships between students, and individuals who are at least 55 years of age, to improve school safety. A school corporation selected by the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) is eligible to receive a grant from the Indiana Safe Schools Fund to administer the project.

Guidance:

School corporations applying to IDOE for this grant will establish a pilot program to foster positive youth development and school safety through intergenerational relationships. Three school corporations will be selected with a maximum of 16 volunteers per corporation. These volunteers must be at least 55 years of age and will be required to volunteer with one or more of the following tasks:

- Patrol public school campuses to report situations involving a threat to the safety of students or staff;
- Mentor students through interaction with or by presentations to students;
- Interact with and provide guidance for troubled youth, and if necessary, report any situations that may endanger the health or safety of any student or staff member to school administrator(s); or
- Provide assistance to teachers.

Corporations are eligible for a maximum \$75,000 grant to assist with implementing the program. Volunteers may request reimbursement from the State Board of Education for up to \$35 per year. IDOE will select one urban, one suburban, and one rural school corporation. Selected school corporations will be required to submit a survey to IDOE, reviewing their programs periodically throughout the grant period. Volunteers must undergo a criminal background check and a child protection index check under IC 20-26-5-10. Additionally, volunteers must commit to participate in the project for two consecutive years, therefore school corporations should consult their existing volunteer policies.

Corporations are encouraged to consult their attorney and insurance carrier before implementing this pilot program.



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Information and resources for this pilot project can be found [here](#). Applications for this pilot project will be sent upon receipt of a Letter of Interest. Letters of Interest require the Superintendent's signature. Letters of Interest and applications are due to Stephen Balko, Director of School Building Security at sbalko@doe.in.gov by **August 15, 2019**.

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 Chuck Goodrich, and the full bill text can be found [here](#). Information regarding how to contact your legislators can be found [here](#).