

## SENATE FILE NO. SF0064

School safety and security.

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to student and school safety and security;  
2 modifying duties of the state superintendent of public  
3 instruction and school district boards of trustees; creating  
4 a fine relating to unlawfully passing a school bus and  
5 amending related provisions; amending school safety drill  
6 requirements; providing an appropriation; and providing for  
7 an effective date.

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9 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-2-202(a) by creating a new paragraph  
12 (xxxviii), 21-3-110(a) by creating new paragraphs (xxxvii)  
13 and (xxxviii), 21-3-131(b)(x), 31-5-507 by creating new  
14 subsections (e) and (f) and 35-9-505(b) are amended to read:

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16 **21-2-202. Duties of the state superintendent.**

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2 (a) In addition to any other duties assigned by law,  
3 the state superintendent shall:

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5 (xxxviii) In consultation with the office of  
6 homeland security, the attorney general's office, the state  
7 fire marshal and the state construction department, create  
8 model school safety and security guidelines to assist school  
9 districts in developing comprehensive safety and security  
10 plans, as required by W.S. 21-3-110(a)(xxxvii).

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12 **21-3-110. Duties of boards of trustees.**

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14 (a) The board of trustees in each school district  
15 shall:

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17 (xxxvii) Develop and annually review a  
18 comprehensive safety and security plan for all school  
19 district facilities to maximize safety of students and staff.  
20 The school district may use any portion of department of  
21 education school safety and security guidelines in developing  
22 its own plan. The plan shall be submitted to the department  
23 of education during the school district's accreditation

1 review. The plan is not a public record available for public  
2 inspection under the Public Records Act, W.S. 16-4-201 et  
3 seq. The plan shall, at a minimum, include the following  
4 elements:

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6 (A) Intervention techniques and strategies  
7 to use with students who demonstrate signs of having the  
8 potential to engage in violent behavior, including  
9 coordination with mental health services and social services;

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11 (B) Publicization to all school district  
12 staff and students regarding the state's student and school  
13 safety call center, as authorized in W.S. 9-1-603(a)(ix);

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15 (C) Publicization to all district staff of  
16 available digital applications to alert first responders to  
17 emergency situations;

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19 (D) A description of how the school district  
20 will evaluate, procure and implement advances in school  
21 safety and security technology;

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1                   (E) A description of how the school district  
2 will coordinate effectively with law enforcement resources;

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4                   (F) A system to comply with the staff  
5 training requirements contained in paragraph (xxxviii) of  
6 this subsection.

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8                   (xxxviii) Establish and implement a system to  
9 train all school district employees on techniques to improve  
10 school safety and security in the event of a violent intruder  
11 attack. The training shall be based on a nationally recognized  
12 program in school safety and security training. The system  
13 shall include methods to:

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15                   (A) Recognize a violent intruder attack has  
16 commenced;

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18                   (B) Clearly and directly notify other  
19 individuals within a school and law enforcement officials  
20 that a violent intruder attack has commenced;

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22                   (C) Safely and strategically evacuate during  
23 a violent intruder attack;

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10           **21-3-131. School bus standards; operators; vehicle**  
11 **operation; liability limited.**

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13           (b) Each district shall establish and maintain minimum  
14 standards for the operation of school buses, including:

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16           (x) Effective school year 2016-2017, and each  
17 school year thereafter, all school buses transporting  
18 students to and from school and to and from student  
19 activities, as defined under W.S. 21-13-320(b)(i) and (ii),  
20 shall be equipped with an external video system and may be  
21 equipped with an internal video system. Equipment  
22 specifications shall be prescribed by rule and regulation of  
23 the department. Recordings or images from a video system

1 installed under this paragraph shall not be a public record  
2 under the Public Records Act, W.S. 16-4-201 et seq. Recordings  
3 or images may be entered into evidence for a violation of  
4 W.S. 31-5-507(a) and may be discoverable for criminal  
5 actions.

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7 **31-5-507. Meeting or passing stopped school bus;**  
8 **markings and visual signals.**

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10 (e) When a recording or image from a video system  
11 installed under W.S. 21-3-131(b)(x) evidences that a vehicle  
12 has been engaged in a violation of subsection (a) of this  
13 section and the identity of the driver of the vehicle is  
14 unknown, the person who registered the vehicle shall be fined  
15 one hundred dollars (\$100.00). A certificate, based on  
16 inspection of recorded images produced by an external video  
17 system equipped on a school bus pursuant to W.S.  
18 21-3-131(b)(x) and sworn to or affirmed by a law enforcement  
19 officer shall be prima facie evidence of the facts contained  
20 in it.

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22 (f) It shall be a defense to enforcement of a fine  
23 issued under subsection (e) of this section that the person

1 who registered the vehicle and was issued the fine was not  
2 operating the vehicle and did not provide permission to the  
3 driver of the vehicle to operate the vehicle at the time of  
4 the violation.

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6 **35-9-505. Applicability; fire and safety drills**  
7 **required in schools; supervision of drills.**

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9 (b) In every public and private school in Wyoming,  
10 there shall be a fire drill at least once every month. Safety  
11 drills may be used in lieu of fire drills if approved by and  
12 coordinated with the local fire department provided fire  
13 drills are conducted at each school not less than four (4)  
14 times during any one (1) academic year and further provided  
15 the school's fire alarm is tested at each fire or safety  
16 drill. A safety drill includes any organized response to a  
17 potential threat to the health and safety of the student  
18 population and drills contemplated by a school district's  
19 comprehensive safety and security plan developed in  
20 accordance with W.S. 21-3-110(a)(xxxvii). The school  
21 administration shall supervise and administer this subsection  
22 and shall determine the types of safety drills appropriate  
23 for each school. In localities where a paid fire department

1 is maintained, a fire department member shall be requested to  
2 be in attendance at each fire or safety drill conducted within  
3 a school for the purpose of instruction and constructive  
4 criticism.

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6 **Section 2.**

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8 (a) There is appropriated one hundred thousand dollars  
9 (\$100,000.00) from the school foundation program account to  
10 the department of education. This appropriation shall only be  
11 expended for purposes of assisting school districts to  
12 provide safety and security training to school district  
13 staff. The department shall endeavor to provide funding to as  
14 many school districts as possible. The appropriation provided  
15 in this section shall be for the period beginning July 1,  
16 2019 and ending June 30, 2020. Notwithstanding any other  
17 provision of law, this appropriation shall not be transferred  
18 or expended for any other purposes and any unexpended funds  
19 shall revert to the school foundation program account on July  
20 1, 2020. The department's standard budget request for fiscal  
21 years 2021-2022 shall include a similar appropriation  
22 request.

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1           (b) By July 1, 2019, a school district may apply to the  
2 department for financial assistance to provide safety and  
3 security training to school district staff. Application shall  
4 be on a form and in a manner prescribed by the department.

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6           **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2019.

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