

GOVERNOR WALKER'S \$100 MILLION SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN

DETAILS

No child, teacher, or administrator should ever feel unsafe in school.

Thanks to bipartisan support, Governor Walker's \$100 million School Safety Plan passed the Wisconsin State Legislature on Thursday, March 22, 2018. The plan focuses on ways to make Wisconsin schools safer from any threat.

This \$100 million grant program comes in addition to Governor Walker's historic \$11.5 billion investment in K-12 education in the current state budget.

OFFICE OF SCHOOL SAFETY

The Office of School Safety is created within the Wisconsin Department of Justice. The Office would work with law enforcement and schools to establish best practices for school safety plans; provide training opportunities and other relevant resources to schools. In establishing best practice, the Office must consult with the Department of Public Instruction, the Wisconsin School Safety Coordinators Association and the Wisconsin Safe and Health Schools Training and Technical Assistance Center.

The Office would be responsible for requiring schools to upload their blueprints to GIS mapping and ensure that schools also provide those blueprints to local law enforcement. All schools will be required to submit their blue prints to the Office and to local law enforcement agencies by July 1, 2018.

SCHOOL SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM

The Office of School Safety will be charged with implementing a new grant program of \$100 million GPR. All schools will be eligible to apply for this grant program. The grant can be used to fund security upgrades to school buildings; costs associated with complying with best practices for school safety; and trauma-informed care and related training.

MANDATORY REPORTING

The school safety package includes a provision that makes all current mandatory reporters for suspected child abuse to also be mandatory reporters for any threats of school violence. Mandatory reporters include medical professionals, mental health professionals, teachers, and counselors. Additionally, an exemption to confidentiality laws is created for mental health professionals when a patient threatens school violence.

TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE

Allow grant funding to implement Trauma-Informed Care and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) in schools. Training could include Trauma Sensitive Schools and Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment, which is currently used in a number schools.

SCHOOL SAFETY PLANS

Strengthen school safety plan requirements, originally adopted under 2009 Act 309. Schools would be required to consult with local law enforcement and conduct on-site assessments of all pupil-occupied areas. The additional requirements would include emergency prevention and mitigation and security plans for after school activities, among several other requirements.