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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING A PROGRAM TO FUND THE ACQUISITION OF FIREARM  
102 DETECTION SOFTWARE FOR USE IN SCHOOLS.

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Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill establishes the school safety firearm detection funding program (program) in the office of school safety (office) to disburse money to local education providers to purchase, install, and operate firearm detection software for use in schools. The office administers the program.

In order to receive a disbursement, a local education provider must

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.*  
*Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.*



1 FOR USE IN SCHOOLS.

2 (2) (a) THE OFFICE SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM IN  
3 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION AND DEPARTMENT RULES.

4 (b) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AS NECESSARY  
5 FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM. AT A MINIMUM, THE RULES  
6 MUST SPECIFY THE PROGRAM APPLICATION PROCESS, INCLUDING THE  
7 CONTENT OF AN APPLICATION AND TIMELINE FOR SUBMITTING AN  
8 APPLICATION, AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR FUNDING RECIPIENTS,  
9 INCLUDING REPORTING DEADLINES.

10 (3) (a) A LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A  
11 DISBURSEMENT FROM THE PROGRAM.

12 (b) A LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER MAY APPLY FOR A  
13 DISBURSEMENT FROM THE PROGRAM BY SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION TO  
14 THE OFFICE. THE APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE A REQUESTED  
15 DISBURSEMENT AMOUNT THAT IS BASED ON THE COST TO PURCHASE AND  
16 INSTALL FIREARM DETECTION SOFTWARE THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS  
17 OF SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION AND TO OPERATE THE SOFTWARE FOR  
18 ONE YEAR; EXCEPT THAT, IF AN APPLICANT ALREADY HAS FIREARM  
19 DETECTION SOFTWARE INSTALLED, THE APPLICATION MAY ONLY INCLUDE  
20 A REQUESTED DISBURSEMENT AMOUNT TO OPERATE THE SOFTWARE. A  
21 LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER MAY PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS TO  
22 AUGMENT PROGRAM MONEY. A LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER THAT  
23 INTENDS TO PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS MUST INDICATE THE AMOUNT OF  
24 MATCHING FUNDS IN ITS APPLICATION.

25 (c) THE OFFICE SHALL REVIEW APPLICATIONS AND DISBURSE  
26 PROGRAM MONEY TO ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS IN THE ORDER THE  
27 APPLICATIONS ARE RECEIVED UNTIL THE MONEY APPROPRIATED FOR THE

1 PROGRAM IS EXPENDED. THE OFFICE SHALL AWARD EACH APPLICANT THE  
2 AMOUNT INCLUDED IN THE APPLICATION.

3 (4) A RECIPIENT SHALL USE PROGRAM MONEY TO PURCHASE AND  
4 INSTALL FIREARM DETECTION SOFTWARE TO DETECT, AND ALERT LOCAL  
5 EDUCATION PROVIDER PERSONNEL AND FIRST RESPONDERS ABOUT, THE  
6 PRESENCE OF VISIBLE, UNHOLSTERED FIREARMS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY.  
7 FIREARM DETECTION SOFTWARE PURCHASED AND OPERATED WITH  
8 PROGRAM MONEY MUST:

9 (a) BE DEVELOPED IN THE UNITED STATES WITHOUT THE USE OF  
10 ANY THIRD-PARTY OR OPEN-SOURCE DATA;

11 (b) BE PROTECTED BY A PATENT ISSUED BY THE UNITED STATES  
12 PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE;

13 (c) INCLUDE A TRAINING DATABASE POPULATED WITH FRAMES OF  
14 ACTUAL VIDEOS OF FIREARMS TAKEN IN RELEVANT ENVIRONMENTS  
15 ACROSS DIVERSE INDUSTRIES;

16 (d) BE DESIGNATED AS QUALIFIED ANTI-TERRORISM TECHNOLOGY  
17 PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL "SAFETY ACT", 6 U.S.C. SEC. 441 ET SEQ.,  
18 AS AMENDED;

19 (e) BE DESIGNED TO INTEGRATE WITH A LOCAL EDUCATION  
20 PROVIDER'S EXISTING SECURITY CAMERA INFRASTRUCTURE;

21 (f) BE OPERATED DIRECTLY BY THE SELLER OF THE SOFTWARE  
22 USING A CONSTANTLY MONITORED OPERATIONS CENTER THAT IS STAFFED  
23 BY HIGHLY TRAINED ANALYSTS TO RAPIDLY COMMUNICATE POSSIBLE  
24 THREATS TO LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER PERSONNEL AND FIRST  
25 RESPONDERS; AND

26 (g) HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY USED BY OTHER STATES, SCHOOL  
27 DISTRICTS, AND COMMERCIAL USERS, AS DETERMINED BY THE OFFICE. IN

1 MAKING THE DETERMINATION, THE OFFICE SHALL CONSIDER  
2 DEMONSTRATED SUCCESSFUL INSTALLATION, MONITORING, AND  
3 REAL-WORLD DETECTIONS BY THE SOFTWARE BY OTHER USERS.

4 **24-33.5-2803. Reporting requirements.** (1) A LOCAL  
5 EDUCATION PROVIDER THAT RECEIVES A DISTRIBUTION FROM THE  
6 PROGRAM SHALL REPORT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO THE OFFICE:

7 (a) A DESCRIPTION OF THE USE OF PROGRAM MONEY AND, IF  
8 APPLICABLE, MATCHING FUNDS, INCLUDING THE VENDOR FROM WHICH THE  
9 FIREARM DETECTION SOFTWARE WAS PURCHASED AND THE TOTAL COSTS  
10 FOR PURCHASE AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SOFTWARE;

11 (b) A DESCRIPTION OF ANY INCIDENTS INVOLVING DETECTION OF  
12 A FIREARM BY THE FIREARM DETECTION SOFTWARE PURCHASED WITH  
13 PROGRAM MONEY, THE RESPONSE TIME FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR  
14 EACH INCIDENT, AND ANY FALSE POSITIVE ALERTS MADE BY THE  
15 SOFTWARE;

16 (c) THE LENGTH OF TIME THE FIREARM DETECTION SOFTWARE  
17 PURCHASED WITH PROGRAM MONEY WAS INOPERABLE SINCE THE  
18 SOFTWARE WAS ACTIVATED; AND

19 (d) ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT THE DEPARTMENT, BY  
20 RULE, OR THE OFFICE MAY REQUIRE.

21 (2) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), ON OR  
22 BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2025, AND ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31 OF EACH  
23 YEAR THEREAFTER, THE OFFICE SHALL SUBMIT TO THE HOUSE OF  
24 REPRESENTATIVES EDUCATION COMMITTEE, THE HOUSE OF  
25 REPRESENTATIVES JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, THE SENATE EDUCATION  
26 COMMITTEE, AND THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, OR THEIR  
27 SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, A REPORT ABOUT THE PROGRAM THAT INCLUDES

1 THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

2 (a) THE NUMBER OF APPLICANTS THAT RECEIVED PROGRAM  
3 MONEY, THE NAME OF EACH APPLICANT THAT RECEIVED PROGRAM MONEY,  
4 AND THE AMOUNT OF EACH DISTRIBUTION;

5 (b) THE NUMBER OF APPLICANTS THAT DID NOT RECEIVE PROGRAM  
6 MONEY AND THE REASONS THE APPLICANTS DID NOT RECEIVE PROGRAM  
7 MONEY;

8 (c) A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION REPORTED TO THE OFFICE  
9 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION; AND

10 (d) ANY OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM THE  
11 DEPARTMENT OR OFFICE DETERMINES IS RELEVANT TO INCLUDE IN THE  
12 REPORT.

13 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
14 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
15 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for  
16 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state  
17 institutions.