

Senate Amendments to House Bill No. 1379

TO THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE SENATE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

19 **SECTION 1.** This act shall be known and may be cited as the
20 "Students Safe at School Act."

21 **SECTION 2.** (1) There is created the Mississippi School
22 Safety Task Force (hereinafter referred to as the "Task Force")
23 for the purpose of the continual study of ensuring and enhancing
24 safe school environments for students, teachers and staff in
25 Mississippi and to advise and assist the department in the
26 implementation of best practices for prevention of and response to
27 any type of emergency or other situation threatening the safety of
28 students or school personnel or the property of local school
29 districts.

30 (2) The Task Force shall be composed of the following
31 thirteen (13) members:

32 (a) The State Superintendent of Public Education, who
33 shall serve as the chairman;

34 (b) The Commissioner of the Mississippi Department of
35 Public Safety or his or her designee, who shall serve as a vice
36 chairman;

37 (c) The Executive Director of the Mississippi
38 Department of Mental Health or his or her designee, who shall
39 serve as a vice chairman;

40 (d) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Emergency
41 Management Agency or his or her designee;

42 (e) The Director of the Mississippi Office of Homeland
43 Security or his or her designee;

44 (f) The Director of the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics
45 or his or her designee;

46 (g) The Director of the Mississippi Highway Patrol or
47 his or her designee;

48 (h) A representative of the Mississippi Association of
49 School Superintendents;

50 (i) A representative of the Mississippi School
51 Administrators Association;

52 (j) A representative of the Mississippi Association of
53 School Resource Officers;

54 (k) A representative of the Mississippi Sheriffs'
55 Association;

56 (l) A representative of the Mississippi Association of
57 Chiefs of Police;

58 (m) An individual who provides security and safety
59 services to a school district.

60 (3) The Task Force shall hold its first meeting within sixty
61 (60) days of the effective date of this act, on a call of the
62 chairman of the Task Force. A majority of the membership of the
63 Task Force shall constitute a quorum and shall meet at the call of
64 the chairman or one (1) of the vice chairmen if the chairmanship
65 is vacant or if the chairman is unable to serve. All members must
66 be notified in writing of all meetings at least five (5) business
67 days before the date that a meeting of the Task Force is
68 scheduled.

69 (4) The Task Force shall report its findings and
70 recommendations to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the
71 Speaker of the House and the Chairmen of the Education Committees
72 of the Legislature annually not later than December 1 each year.

73 **SECTION 3.** Section 37-11-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
74 brought forward as follows:

75 37-11-5. (1) It shall be the duty of the principals and
76 teachers in all public school buildings to instruct the pupils in
77 the methods of fire drills and to practice fire drills until all
78 the pupils in the school are familiar with the methods of escape.
79 Such fire drills shall be conducted often enough to keep such
80 pupils well drilled. It shall be the further duty of such
81 principals and teachers to instruct the pupils in all programs of
82 emergency management as may be designated by the State Department
83 of Education.

84 (2) It shall be the further duty of such principals and
85 teachers to develop and conduct an active shooter drill within the

86 first sixty (60) days of each new school semester for students,
87 teachers and staff.

88 **SECTION 4.** (1) In consultation with the School Safety Task
89 Force, the Mississippi Department of Education shall develop
90 policies and/or procedures to implement the "Mississippi
91 Behavioral Threat Assessment Management System" (MBTAMS) to ensure
92 compliance within each local school district in the State of
93 Mississippi.

94 (2) There is created within the Office of the Attorney
95 General, the School Emergency Response Mapping Data Grant Program,
96 for the purpose of establishing a single, verified source of
97 mapping data for each school in the State of Mississippi that is
98 standardized, accurate and accessible to public safety agencies
99 and which ensures efficient responses to any emergency on a school
100 campus. Each school district, charter school governing board and
101 governing board of each private K-12 school, in consultation with
102 local law enforcement agencies having appropriate jurisdiction in
103 the county or municipality wherein the school district is located,
104 may apply to receive funds from the program to provide school
105 mapping data for each public, charter and private school in that
106 county or municipality. The Attorney General may promulgate rules
107 and regulations necessary to effectuate the provisions of this
108 subsection.

109 **SECTION 5.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
110 and after July 1, 2024, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL SAFETY TASK FORCE, TO
2 PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE, TO
3 PROVIDE THAT THE TASK FORCE SHALL CONTINUALLY STUDY ACTIONS THAT
4 MAY BE TAKEN TO ENHANCE SAFE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTS FOR STUDENTS,
5 TEACHERS AND STAFF IN MISSISSIPPI, AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF BEST
6 PRACTICES FOR PREVENTION AND RESPONSE; TO REQUIRE THE TASK FORCE
7 TO REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE
8 ON AN ANNUAL BASIS; TO CREATE "THE STUDENTS SAFE AT SCHOOL ACT";
9 TO CREATE THE SCHOOL EMERGENCY RESPONSE MAPPING DATA GRANT
10 PROGRAM, WITHIN THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL, FOR THE PURPOSE OF
11 ESTABLISHING A SOURCE OF MAPPING DATA FOR EACH SCHOOL IN THE STATE
12 TO ENSURE EFFICIENT RESPONSES TO ANY EMERGENCY ON A SCHOOL CAMPUS;
13 TO REQUIRE THE TASK FORCE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO
14 DEVELOP POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT THE MISSISSIPPI
15 BEHAVIORAL THREAT ASSESSMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM; TO BRING FORWARD
16 SECTION 37-11-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, FOR THE PURPOSE OF
17 POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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