

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1076

Introduced by Assembly Member Olsen

February 22, 2013

An act to add Article 4.5 (commencing with Section 32247) to Chapter 2 of Part 19 of Division 1 of Title 1 of the Education Code, relating to school safety.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1076, as introduced, Olsen. School safety: panic buttons.

Existing law provides that school districts and county offices of education are responsible for the overall development of a comprehensive school safety plan for each of their constituent schools. Existing law requires the schoolsite council of a school to write and develop a comprehensive school safety plan relevant to the needs and resources of the particular school.

This bill would, if federal funding becomes available for those purposes, require the governing board of each school district and each county superintendent of schools to equip each classroom, cafeteria, theater, gym, and other regularly used space, except a parking lot, in a school serving pupils in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, with a panic button, as described.

To the extent that the bill would impose additional duties on school districts, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state,

reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Article 4.5 (commencing with Section 32247) is
2 added to Chapter 2 of Part 19 of Division 1 of Title 1 of the
3 Education Code, to read:

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5 Article 4.5. Panic Buttons
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7 32247. If federal funding becomes available for the purposes
8 of this article, the governing board of each school district and each
9 county superintendent of schools shall equip each classroom,
10 cafeteria, theater, gym, and any other regularly used space, except
11 a parking lot, in a public school serving pupils in kindergarten or
12 any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, with a panic button to be used to
13 alert local law enforcement in the event of a violent incident.

14 32247.2. For purposes of this article, a panic button is a device
15 that alerts local law enforcement to arrive on scene, and that sends
16 out a public alarm throughout the school when pressed.

17 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
18 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
19 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
20 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
21 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.