

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 27

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 7, by striking out "and,"

2 Amend Bill, page 1, line 10, by striking out the period after
3 "monitors" and inserting

4 ; and, in school safety and security, further providing for
5 School Safety and Security Grant Program and providing for
6 school mental health grants for 2023-2024 school year.

7 Amend Bill, page 9, by inserting between lines 1 and 2

8 Section 6. Section 1306-B(i)(1) of the act is amended and
9 subsection (h) is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

10 Section 1306-B. School Safety and Security Grant Program.

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12 (h) School Safety and Security Fund.--

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14 (10) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, during
15 the 2023-2024 fiscal year, money appropriated for COVID
16 Relief - ARPA - School Mental Health Grants shall be
17 transferred to the fund and shall be used as follows:

18 (i) Ninety percent shall be used for grants under
19 section 1315.1-B.

20 (ii) Five percent shall be transferred to the
21 department for training of school based mental health
22 professionals and to establish pathways to certification
23 for school based mental health professionals.

24 (iii) Five percent shall be transferred to the
25 Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency for the
26 program under section 1318-B.

27 (i) Community violence prevention programs.--

28 (1) [Municipalities] Notwithstanding subsection (h)(7),
29 the committee shall use money appropriated to the commission
30 for violence intervention and prevention for grants and
31 technical assistance to municipalities, district attorneys,
32 institutions of higher education, community-based
33 organizations and other entities approved by the committee
34 [are the only eligible applicants] for programs under
35 subsection (j)(22).

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2 Section 7. The act is amended by adding a section to read:
3 Section 1315.1-B. School mental health grants for 2023-2024
4 school year.

5 (a) Funding.--For the 2023-2024 school year, the amount of
6 money allocated under section 1306-B(h) (10) (i) shall be used by
7 the committee to award school mental health grants to school
8 entities in accordance with this section.

9 (b) Purpose of grants.--

10 (1) A school entity shall be eligible for school mental
11 health grants to meet the level 1 baseline criteria for
12 behavioral health and school climate criteria established by
13 the committee.

14 (2) A school entity that has met the level 1 baseline
15 criteria shall be eligible for school mental health grants
16 for the purposes outlined in section 1306-B(j) (6), (10),
17 (15), (17), (19), (20), (21), (23), (24), (25), (26), (27),
18 (28), (29) and (30).

19 (c) Amount of grants.--The committee shall award school
20 mental health grants in the following amounts to any school
21 entity that submits an application:

22 (1) A school district shall receive \$100,000 plus an
23 amount determined in paragraph (3).

24 (2) An intermediate unit, area career and technical
25 school, charter school, regional charter school or cyber
26 charter school shall receive \$70,000.

27 (3) An amount determined as follows:

28 (i) Multiply the 2021-2022 adjusted average daily
29 membership for each school district by the difference
30 between the amount allocated in subsection (a) and the
31 sum of the amounts distributed under paragraphs (1) and
32 (2).

33 (ii) Divide the product from subparagraph (i) by the
34 2021-2022 adjusted average daily membership for all
35 school districts.

36 (d) Availability of applications.--The committee shall make
37 an application for grants under this section available to school
38 entities no later than 45 days after the effective date of this
39 section. The application requirements shall be limited to the
40 school entity's contact information, the specific purpose of the
41 grant based upon the categories specified in subsection (b) with
42 boxes on the application for the applicant to indicate the
43 school entity's anticipated use and certification by the
44 applicant that the funds will be used for the stated purpose.

45 (e) Effect of revenue received.--Grant money received under
46 this section may not be included when calculating the amount to
47 be paid under section 1725-A.

48 (f) Audit and monitoring.--The committee shall randomly
49 audit and monitor grant recipients to ensure the appropriate use
50 of grant funds and compliance with provisions of the grant
51 program.

1 (g) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
2 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
3 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:
4 "School entity." A school district, area career and
5 technical school, intermediate unit, charter school, regional
6 charter school and cyber charter school.

7 Amend Bill, page 9, line 2, by striking out "6" and inserting

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