

KEY ELEMENTS FOR EFFECTIVE SCHOOL SAFETY LEGISLATION

- ☑ Actions are required, not recommended, with a timeline for implementation
- ☑ Dedicated funding for the required actions
- ☑ Streamlined process for schools to access funding
- ☑ Streamlined process for technical solutions to demonstrate compliance
- ☑ Streamlined process for implementation vendors to demonstrate compliance



ACTIONS SHOULD COVER THESE TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS:

“WHAT”

- Baseline cellular phone coverage survey
- Baseline emergency responder radio coverage survey
- Indoor mapping of school
- Mobile panic buttons/devices (“Alyssa’s Law”)
- Physical security measures including cameras and smart door locks
- Sensor technology, including gunshot detection, weapon detection, and more
- Technical solutions must be developed in coordination with local public safety authorities to ensure seamless integration with their systems.

“WHY?”

- To identify dead spots where 911 calls can’t get out
- To identify dead spots where emergency responder radios won’t work
- To integrate with 911 calls and panic button notifications to provide exact location of emergency to responding personnel
- To immediately alert authorities to an emergency from anywhere in the building
- To control access to the building and allow responders to access visual information in an emergency
- To aid in prevention, detection, notification, and response to safety incident
- Standalone systems that cannot integrate with the technology utilized by the local public safety authorities won’t achieve goal of immediate response





FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

- Dedicated resources
- Funding for initial surveys, implementation, and ongoing support
- Strong funding commitment for all schools – public, private, and native – at all levels of education

WHO?



HOW?

- Don't reinvent the wheel – look to other states for examples of best practices
- Initial implementation with process for incremental improvement

BEST PRACTICES:

- Governance: Establish state technical advisory committees with industry expertise, public safety agencies, emergency management professionals, and PSAP representatives to ensure consistency and accountability across the state
- Phased Implementation Framework: Initial surveys, pilot programs, learning loops, and systematic rollout rather than simultaneous statewide deployment allows for adjustment and course correction as needed
- Scalable PSAP Integration Architecture: Design systems that can evolve from local PSAP connections to centralized statewide coordination platforms
- Monitoring: Establish multidisciplinary teams in schools and districts to proactively identify, assess, and intervene with concerning behaviors before they escalate to violence.

