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House Bill 4592

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Committee on Education]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §18-9F-10a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
2 relating to modifying school safety mapping data to include colleges and universities.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 9F. SCHOOL ACCESS SAFETY ACT.

§18-9F-10a. Standardized school safety mapping data.

1 (a) In addition to other requirements contained in this article, the Crisis Response Plan
2 required by §18-9F-9 of this code, or the safety program required by §18-9F-10 of this code, each
3 county board of education shall create standardized school safety mapping data that, at a
4 minimum, requires that mapping data:

5 (1) Be in formats that conform to, integrate with, and are accessible within software
6 platforms used in local public safety answering points and by the city, county, state, and federal
7 public safety agencies that could provide emergency services at the school without requiring the
8 purchase of additional software or payment of fees to access the data;

9 (2) Be in formats capable of being printed, shared electronically, and, if requested, digitally
10 integrated into interactive mobile platforms in use;

11 (3) Be viewable and printable from open-source document or image viewers;

12 (4) Be oriented to true north and include a fixed grid with consistent "x" and "y" coordinates;

13 (5) Have its accuracy verified by the entity producing the data through an on-site walk-
14 through of the school buildings and grounds;

15 (6) Include accurate floor plans overlaid on current, verified aerial imagery of the school
16 campus;

17 (7) Include site-specific labeling for school structures, such as room names, hallway
18 designations, exterior doors, stairwell numbers, and the locations of hazards, critical utility
19 controls, key boxes, automated external defibrillators, and trauma kits and school grounds,
20 including parking areas, athletic fields, surrounding roads, and neighboring properties;

21 (8) Include the requirement that future updates or modifications to the school mapping data

22 conform to and integrate with software platforms used by the relevant public safety agencies; and
23 (9) Be created, stored, and maintained exclusively within the United States for the entire
24 duration of the mapping process and thereafter to ensure security of the data.

25 (b) The college campus safety mapping data set forth in subsection (a) shall be provided to
26 local first response agencies including police, fire, emergency medical services (EMS), and any
27 other local entities the school's crisis response planning team determines should be consulted in
28 accordance with this article. The data shall be provided at no cost beyond the initial cost of
29 production and shall be made available to such entities permanently.

30 (c) College systems shall consult and receive approval from the primary law enforcement
31 agency serving and supporting the college. These shall include, but are not limited to county, city,
32 or municipal police departments, or Sheriff's Department, prior to procurement to ensure school
33 mapping data meets the requirements in this section.

34 (b) (d) The school safety mapping data set forth in subsection (a) shall be provided to the
35 state board of education, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, and local
36 first response agencies including police, fire, emergency medical services (EMS), and any other
37 local entities the school's crisis response planning team determines should be consulted in
38 accordance with this article. The data shall be provided at no cost beyond the initial cost of
39 production and shall be made available to such entities permanently.

40 (e) (e) Local school systems shall consult and receive approval from the primary law
41 enforcement agency serving and supporting the district These shall include, but are not limited to
42 county, city, or municipal police departments, or Sheriff's Department, prior to procurement to
43 ensure school mapping data meets the requirements in this section.

44 (d) (f) Subject to available funding each county board of education may receive not greater
45 than \$4500 per school for the purposes set out in this section.

46 (e) (g) The school safety mapping requirements of this section shall be effective on
47 September 1, 2026.

48 ~~(f)~~ (h) Any data obtained and maintained pursuant to the provisions of this section shall not
49 be subject to disclosure pursuant to the provisions of §29B-1-1 *et seq.* of this code.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to modify school safety mapping data to include colleges and universities.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.