

House Bill 47

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 5 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to program weights and funding requirements under the "Quality Basic
3 Education Act," so as to provide for QBE funding assistance to eligible public schools to
4 improve school safety infrastructure; to provide for eligibility; to provide for allowable uses
5 of such funding; to provide for policies, procedures, regulations, and requirements; to
6 provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and
7 applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "School Security Protection and Safety
11 Infrastructure Act."

12 **SECTION 2.**

13 Part 5 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
14 relating to program weights and funding requirements under the "Quality Basic Education

15 Act," is amended by revising Code Section 20-2-183, relating to program weights to reflect
16 funds for maintenance and operation of facilities, as follows:

17 "20-2-183.

18 (a) All program weights, when multiplied by the base amount, shall reflect sufficient funds
19 to provide for the maintenance and operation of facilities essential for housing instructional
20 programs and essential supportive educational services, subject to appropriation by the
21 General Assembly.

22 (b)(1) All program weights, when multiplied by the base amount, shall reflect sufficient
23 funds to provide funding assistance to reimburse eligible public schools for actual costs
24 incurred to reduce school violence and improve school safety and security. Such funds
25 may be referred to as school security protection and safety infrastructure funds.

26 (2) The State Board of Education shall annually determine the amount of state funds
27 needed to provide funding assistance to eligible public schools as set forth in paragraph
28 (1) of this subsection, subject to the following conditions:

29 (A) No public school shall be considered eligible for such funding assistance unless
30 such school complies with such policies, procedures, regulations, and other
31 requirements as adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to paragraph (3) of
32 this subsection; and

33 (B) Expenditures allowable under this subsection shall be limited to:

34 (i) Mobile surveillance camera trailers;

35 (ii) Onsite command centers;

36 (iii) Weapon detection technology for large events, daily campus entry, or any other
37 school function;

38 (iv) Systems designed to detect cigarettes, cigars, consumable vapor products, or
39 alternative nicotine products, as such terms are defined in Code Section 48-11-1; or

40 (v) Systems designed to detect marijuana as such term is defined in Code Section
41 16-13-21.

42 (3) The State Board of Education shall adopt policies, procedures, regulations, and other
43 such requirements as appropriate:

44 (A) To determine whether a public school is eligible for funding assistance under this
45 subsection;

46 (B) To establish procedures and requirements for public schools seeking funding
47 assistance under this subsection;

48 (C) To establish procedures for the Department of Education to evaluate requests by
49 public schools for funding assistance under this subsection;

50 (D) To calculate the maximum amount of funding assistance each eligible public
51 school is eligible to receive under this subsection, subject to appropriations by the
52 General Assembly;

53 (E) To annually assess whether and to what extent funding assistance provided to
54 eligible public schools under this subsection is having the intended impact of reducing
55 school violence or improving school safety and security; and

56 (F) As may be necessary to implement the provisions of this subsection."

57 **SECTION 3.**

58 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025, and shall be applicable beginning with the
59 2026-2027 school year and continuing each school year thereafter.

60 **SECTION 4.**

61 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.