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HOUSE BILL 1417

Short Title: Critical Incident Planning and Mapping System. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Lucas; and R. Warren.

Referred to: Homeland Security, Military and Veterans Affairs, if favorable,
Appropriations.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT CREATING THE CRITICAL INCIDENT PLANNING AND MAPPING
SYSTEM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIME CONTROL AND PUBLIC
SAFETY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The General Statutes are amended by adding a new Article to
read:

"Article 8.

"Critical Incident Planning and Mapping System.

"§ 114-44. Creation of critical incident planning and mapping system.

(a) The Department of Crime Control and Public Safety shall establish and administer an electronic statewide planning and mapping system ('system') to process and store information about public school buildings and related structures in a database that can be easily accessed by response agencies. As used in this Article, the term 'response agency' means an agency that is called to respond to an act of terrorism or other emergency.

(b) The system shall be easily accessible to response agencies and shall allow storage and retrieval of information about public schools, including floor plans, fire protection information, building evacuation plans, utility information, known hazards, and procedures for contacting emergency personnel.

"§ 114-45. Rule-making authority.

The Department shall adopt rules to implement this Article. Specifically, these rules shall do all of the following:

(1) Specify any information to be stored in the system beyond that required to be stored under G.S. 114-44(b).

(2) Prescribe the manner by which information entered into the system must be transferred to the system by participating agencies.

- 1 (3) Prescribe standards for the software that must be used by participating
2 agencies.
- 3 (4) Prescribe conditions for use of the system by response agencies and
4 prescribe procedures for granting access to the system where
5 appropriate and for ensuring the confidentiality of the information
6 contained in the system during all other times.
- 7 (5) Set forth guidelines for the incorporation, in connection with the use of
8 the system, of the items described in G.S. 114-46(a).
- 9 (6) Prescribe procedures to determine the priority for distribution of any
10 money that may be available for participating agencies.
- 11 (7) Set forth guidelines for the training of persons employed by response
12 agencies concerning the use of the system.
- 13 (8) Prescribe the format and manner in which the reports required by
14 G.S. 114-48 shall be submitted to the Department.

15 **"§ 114-46. Duties of State agencies.**

16 (a) To the extent that funds are made available, State agencies shall participate in
17 the system and shall, for each public school under the agency's control, input the
18 following information into the system:

- 19 (1) Evacuation routes and strategies for evacuation.
- 20 (2) Alarms and other signals or means of notification.
- 21 (3) Plans for sheltering in place. As used in this Article, the term
22 'sheltering in place' means to remain inside a building, room, structure,
23 or other location during an emergency when egress may be impossible
24 or when egress may present a more substantial risk than remaining
25 inside the building, room, structure, or other location.
- 26 (4) Training and strategies for prevention in connection with attacks
27 involving violence.
- 28 (5) Any other information about the school that the system is capable of
29 storing.

30 (b) As used in this Article, the phrase 'State agency' includes a local school
31 administrative unit or any public entity that operates a charter school, the North
32 Carolina School of the Arts, the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, or
33 a school operated as part of a cooperative high school program offered with a
34 community college or four-year college. The phrase also includes the Department of
35 Health and Human Services, the Department of Correction, and the Department of
36 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to the extent that they operate schools.

37 (c) If a participating agency uses its own planning and mapping system before
38 the Department establishes a statewide planning and mapping system, that participating
39 agency may continue to use its system unless money is made available for the
40 participating agency to update or modify its system as necessary for inclusion in the
41 statewide system.

42 **"§ 114-47. Department shall pursue available federal funds; Department may**
43 **accept gifts.**

1 (a) The Department shall pursue any money that may be available from the
2 federal government for the development and operation of a statewide planning and
3 mapping system for public schools and for the distribution of grants to participating
4 agencies.

5 (b) The Department may accept gifts, grants, and contributions for the
6 development and operation of the system and for the distribution of grants to
7 participating agencies.

8 **"§ 114-48. Reporting requirements.**

9 (a) Beginning July 1, 2008, and annually thereafter, each participating agency
10 shall submit to the Department a progress report setting forth, in accordance with rules
11 adopted by the Department, the experience of the participating agency with respect to its
12 participation in the system. The Department shall receive and process the reports
13 submitted pursuant to this section and, beginning October 1, 2008, and annually
14 thereafter, shall report a summarized overview of the system to the General Assembly.

15 **"§ 114-49. Submission of public school plans.**

16 After the system is established, each participating agency shall submit to the
17 Department any initial or final plan for a public school."

18 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
19 Department of Crime Control and Public Safety the sum of one hundred thousand
20 dollars (\$100,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year to implement this act.

21 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.