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1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to education; modifying provisions for school safety; providing violence  
1.3 prevention and physical security enhancement grants to schools; requiring reporting  
1.4 on active shooter incidents and active shooter threats; modifying reporting on the  
1.5 Minnesota Fusion Center; requiring a report; appropriating money; amending  
1.6 Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 121A.038, subdivision 7; 121A.06; 299C.055.

1.7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.8 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 121A.038, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

1.9 Subd. 7. **Violence prevention.** (a) A school district or charter school conducting an  
1.10 active shooter drill must provide students in middle school and high school at least one  
1.11 hour, or one standard class period, of violence prevention training annually.

1.12 (b) The violence prevention training must be evidence-based and may be delivered  
1.13 in-person, virtually, or digitally. Training must, at a minimum, teach students the following:

1.14 (1) how to identify observable warning signs and signals of an individual who may be  
1.15 at risk of harming oneself or others;

1.16 (2) the importance of taking threats seriously and seeking help; and

1.17 (3) the steps to report dangerous, violent, threatening, harmful, or potentially harmful  
1.18 activity, including providing information about the Department of Public Safety's statewide  
1.19 anonymous threat reporting system and any local threat reporting systems.

1.20 (c) By July 1, 2024, the commissioner of public safety and the commissioner of education  
1.21 must jointly develop a list of evidence-based trainings that a school district or charter school  
1.22 may use to fulfill the requirements of this section, including no-cost programming, if any.

1.23 The agencies must:

2.1 (1) post the list publicly on the Minnesota School Safety Center's website; and

2.2 (2) update the list every two years.

2.3 (d) A school district or charter school must ensure that students have the opportunity to  
2.4 contribute to their school's safety and violence prevention planning, aligned with the  
2.5 recommendations for multihazard planning for schools, including but not limited to:

2.6 (1) student opportunities for leadership related to prevention and safety;

2.7 (2) encouragement and support to students in establishing clubs and programs focused  
2.8 on safety; and

2.9 (3) providing students with the opportunity to seek help from adults and to learn about  
2.10 prevention connected to topics including bullying, sexual harassment, sexual assault, and  
2.11 suicide.

2.12 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 121A.06, is amended to read:

2.13 **121A.06 REPORTS OF DANGEROUS WEAPON INCIDENTS AND ACTIVE**  
2.14 **SHOOTER INCIDENTS IN SCHOOL ZONES.**

2.15 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** As used in this section:

2.16 (1) "active shooter incident" means a situation involving an armed individual or  
2.17 individuals on campus or an armed assailant in the immediate vicinity of the school;

2.18 (2) "active shooter threat" means a real or perceived threat that an active shooter incident  
2.19 will occur;

2.20 ~~(1)~~ (3) "dangerous weapon" has the meaning given it in section 609.02, subdivision 6;

2.21 ~~(2)~~ (4) "school" has the meaning given it in section 120A.22, subdivision 4; and

2.22 ~~(3)~~ (5) "school zone" has the meaning given it in section 152.01, subdivision 14a, clauses  
2.23 (1) and (3).

2.24 Subd. 2. **Reports; content.** (a) School districts must electronically report to the  
2.25 commissioner of education incidents involving the use or possession of a dangerous weapon  
2.26 in school zones. The ~~form~~ report must include the following information:

2.27 (1) a description of each incident, including a description of the dangerous weapon  
2.28 involved in the incident;

2.29 (2) where, at what time, and under what circumstances the incident occurred;

3.1 (3) information about the offender, other than the offender's name, including the offender's  
3.2 age; whether the offender was a student and, if so, where the offender attended school; and  
3.3 whether the offender was under school expulsion or suspension at the time of the incident;

3.4 (4) information about the victim other than the victim's name, if any, including the  
3.5 victim's age; whether the victim was a student and, if so, where the victim attended school;  
3.6 and if the victim was not a student, whether the victim was employed at the school;

3.7 (5) the cost of the incident to the school and to the victim; and

3.8 (6) the action taken by the school administration to respond to the incident.

3.9 (b) School districts must electronically report active shooter incidents and active shooter  
3.10 threats to the commissioner of education and to the Minnesota Fusion Center. The report  
3.11 must include the following information:

3.12 (1) a description of each incident or threat;

3.13 (2) how the active shooter threat was communicated, including whether the threat was  
3.14 communicated through social media or email;

3.15 (3) information about the individual, other than the individual's name, including the  
3.16 individual's age; whether the individual was a student and, if so, where the individual  
3.17 attended school; and whether the individual was under school expulsion or suspension at  
3.18 the time of the incident;

3.19 (4) the immediate cost of the incident to the school, if any; and

3.20 (5) the action taken by the school administration to respond to the incident or threat,  
3.21 including any referrals to law enforcement or a mental health professional.

3.22 (c) The commissioner shall provide an electronic reporting format that allows school  
3.23 districts to provide aggregate data.

3.24 **Subd. 3. Reports; filing requirements.** By July 31 of each year, each public school  
3.25 shall report incidents involving the use or possession of a dangerous weapon in school zones  
3.26 to the commissioner. The reports must be submitted using the electronic reporting system  
3.27 developed by the commissioner under subdivision 2. The commissioner shall compile the  
3.28 information it receives from the schools and report it annually to the commissioner of public  
3.29 safety and the legislature.

4.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 299C.055, is amended to read:

4.2 **299C.055 LEGISLATIVE REPORT ON FUSION CENTER ACTIVITIES.**

4.3 (a) The superintendent must prepare an annual report for the public and the legislature  
4.4 on the Minnesota Fusion Center (MNFC) that includes general information about the MNFC;  
4.5 the types of activities it monitors; the scale of information it collects; the local, state, and  
4.6 federal agencies with which it shares information; and the quantifiable benefits it produces.  
4.7 None of the reporting requirements in this section supersede chapter 13 or any other state  
4.8 or federal law. The superintendent must report on activities for the preceding calendar year  
4.9 unless another time period is specified. The report must include the following information,  
4.10 to the extent allowed by other law:

4.11 (1) the MNFC's operating budget for the current biennium, number of staff, and staff  
4.12 duties;

4.13 (2) the number of publications generated and an overview of the type of information  
4.14 provided in the publications, including products such as law enforcement briefs, partner  
4.15 briefs, risk assessments, threat assessments, and operational reports;

4.16 (3) a summary of audit findings for the MNFC and what corrective actions were taken  
4.17 pursuant to audits;

4.18 (4) the number of data requests received by the MNFC and a general description of those  
4.19 requests;

4.20 (5) the types of surveillance and data analysis technologies utilized by the MNFC, such  
4.21 as artificial intelligence or social media analysis tools;

4.22 (6) a description of the commercial and governmental databases utilized by the MNFC  
4.23 to the extent permitted by law;

4.24 (7) the number of suspicious activity reports (SARs) received and processed by the  
4.25 MNFC;

4.26 (8) the number of SARs received and processed by the MNFC that were converted into  
4.27 Bureau of Criminal Apprehension case files, that were referred to the Federal Bureau of  
4.28 Investigation, or that were referred to local law enforcement agencies;

4.29 (9) the number of SARs received and processed by the MNFC that involve an individual  
4.30 on the Terrorist Screening Center watchlist;

4.31 (10) the number of requests for information (RFIs) that the MNFC received from law  
4.32 enforcement agencies and the number of responses to federal requests for RFIs;

5.1 (11) the names of the federal agencies the MNFC received data from or shared data  
5.2 with;

5.3 (12) the names of the agencies that submitted SARs;

5.4 (13) a summary description of the MNFC's activities with the Joint Terrorism Task  
5.5 Force; ~~and~~

5.6 (14) the number of investigations aided by the MNFC's use of SARs and RFIs;;

5.7 (15) the number of tips received through the Department of Public Safety's anonymous  
5.8 threat reporting system, including the See It, Say It, Send It application, and the number of  
5.9 tips that the MNFC processed; and

5.10 (16) the number of active shooter incident reports received from school districts pursuant  
5.11 to section 121A.06, subdivision 2, paragraph (b), a summary of the reports, and the number  
5.12 of reports that were converted into Bureau of Criminal Apprehension case files, that were  
5.13 referred to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or that were referred to local law enforcement  
5.14 agencies.

5.15 (b) The report shall be provided to the chairs and ranking minority members of the  
5.16 committees of the house of representatives and senate with jurisdiction over data practices  
5.17 and public safety issues, and shall be posted on the MNFC website by February 15 each  
5.18 year beginning on February 15, 2024.

5.19 Sec. 4. **APPROPRIATION; SCHOOL SAFETY GRANTS.**

5.20 (a) \$..... in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
5.21 of public safety for the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, in  
5.22 consultation with the Minnesota School Safety Center, to issue school violence prevention  
5.23 and physical security enhancement grants to school districts and charter schools.

5.24 (b) A school district, charter school, or cooperative unit under Minnesota Statutes, section  
5.25 123A.24, may apply for a grant in the form and manner specified by the Division of  
5.26 Homeland Security and Emergency Management. The Division of Homeland Security and  
5.27 Emergency Management may establish grant application timelines and may award grants  
5.28 in more than one round. Grants may be awarded in an amount not to exceed \$..... per  
5.29 district. Grants must be awarded to schools located in all geographic regions of the state  
5.30 with at least half of the grants awarded to school districts with administrative offices located  
5.31 outside of the 11-county metropolitan area.

6.1 (c) A grant recipient must use grant money to develop and implement anonymous threat  
6.2 reporting systems.

6.3 (d) Before a grant is awarded, the district must provide documentation acceptable to the  
6.4 director of the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management on how the  
6.5 grant money will be used.

6.6 (e) The Department of Public Safety may retain up to ten percent of the appropriation  
6.7 for the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to administer the grants  
6.8 and for the Minnesota School Safety Center to provide districts and charter schools technical  
6.9 assistance.

6.10 (f) By February 15 following each year a grant is awarded under this section, the  
6.11 Minnesota School Safety Center, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency  
6.12 Management, and Department of Public Safety must report to the chairs and ranking minority  
6.13 members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over kindergarten through grade  
6.14 12 education and public safety on how grant money was awarded and distributed. The report  
6.15 must identify the grant recipients and how the grant money was used by each recipient.

6.16 (g) This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2028.