

# PROPOSED AMENDMENT

## SB 78 # 6

### DIGEST

Wireless communication device. Establishes an exception to the wireless communication device policy.  
Allows grants from the Indiana secured school fund to be used for certain storage pouches.

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1           Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new  
2 paragraph and insert:  
3           "SECTION 1. IC 10-21-1-2, AS AMENDED BY THE  
4 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2026 GENERAL  
5 ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
6 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) The Indiana secured school fund is  
7 established to provide:  
8           (1) matching grants to school corporations, charter schools, and  
9 accredited nonpublic schools, where the matching grants may be  
10 used to:  
11           (A) employ a school resource officer, employ a law  
12 enforcement officer, or enter into a contract or a memorandum  
13 of understanding with a:  
14           (i) local law enforcement agency;  
15           (ii) private entity; or  
16           (iii) nonprofit corporation;  
17 to employ a school resource officer or a law enforcement  
18 officer;  
19           (B) conduct:  
20           (i) a site vulnerability assessment of the buildings within a  
21 school corporation or the buildings that are operated by a  
22 charter school or accredited nonpublic school; or  
23           (ii) critical incident digital mapping of the buildings within  
24 a school corporation or the buildings that are operated by a  
25 charter school or accredited nonpublic school;  
26           (C) purchase equipment, hardware, materials, and technology  
27 to:

- 1 (i) restrict access to school property and classrooms;
- 2 (ii) assist with visitor management on school property;
- 3 (iii) expedite notification of first responders;
- 4 (iv) expedite access to school property for first responders;
- 5 (v) provide school staff with information about the open or
- 6 closed status of interior and exterior doors;
- 7 (vi) detect fire, chemical, visual, or audible threats;
- 8 (vii) enhance emergency communications inside the
- 9 building; or
- 10 (viii) assist with emergency medical response on school
- 11 property;
- 12 (D) implement a student and parent support services plan as
- 13 described in IC 20-34-9;
- 14 (E) purchase or provide training for a canine trained to detect
- 15 drugs and illegal substances, explosives, or firearms, or to
- 16 otherwise provide protection for students and school
- 17 employees and the canine shall:
  - 18 (i) be primarily assigned to a school corporation, charter
  - 19 school, or accredited nonpublic school;
  - 20 (ii) be primarily assigned to a school resource officer or law
  - 21 enforcement officer described in clause (A) who has
  - 22 received appropriate training for handling a canine trained
  - 23 to detect drugs and illegal substances, explosives, or
  - 24 firearms, or to otherwise provide protection for students and
  - 25 school employees, including training regarding handling a
  - 26 canine in a school setting; and
  - 27 (iii) receive continuous training as appropriate;
- 28 (F) provide funding for school employees to receive training,
- 29 including expenses for per diem, travel, and lodging, related
- 30 to:
  - 31 (i) site vulnerability assessments;
  - 32 (ii) mental health or behavioral health threat assessments;
  - 33 (iii) multi-disciplinary threat assessment teams; or
  - 34 (iv) emergency preparedness or response activities;
- 35 (G) provide funding for school resource officers or law
- 36 enforcement officers described in clause (A) to receive
- 37 training, including expenses for per diem, travel, and lodging,
- 38 related to handling a canine trained to detect drugs and illegal
- 39 substances, explosives, or firearms, or to otherwise provide
- 40 protection for students and school employees;

- 1 (H) purchase student safety management technology;
- 2 (I) design and construct additions or renovations on school
- 3 property if the primary purpose of the construction project is
- 4 to enhance the physical security of the school building;
- 5 (J) implement a bullying prevention program; or
- 6 ~~(K) develop, implement, and carry out a Stop the Bleed~~
- 7 ~~program required by IC 20-34-3-24, including for the purchase~~
- 8 ~~of bleeding control kits; and~~
- 9 **(K) purchase a storage pouch for purposes described in**
- 10 **IC 20-26-5-40.7(c)(3)(B); and**
- 11 (2) one (1) time grants to enable school corporations, charter
- 12 schools, and accredited nonpublic schools with the sheriff for the
- 13 county in which the school corporation, charter school, or
- 14 accredited nonpublic school is located, to provide the initial set up
- 15 costs for an active event warning system.
- 16 (b) A school corporation or charter school may use money received
- 17 under a matching grant for a purpose listed in subsection (a) to provide
- 18 a response to a threat in a manner that the school corporation or charter
- 19 school sees fit, including firearms training or other self-defense
- 20 training.
- 21 (c) The fund shall be administered by the department of homeland
- 22 security.
- 23 (d) The fund consists of:
- 24 (1) appropriations from the general assembly;
- 25 (2) federal grants;
- 26 (3) amounts deposited from any other public or private source;
- 27 and
- 28 (4) amounts deposited under IC 33-37-9-4.
- 29 (e) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from
- 30 money in the fund.
- 31 (f) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
- 32 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
- 33 manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that accrues
- 34 from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.
- 35 (g) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert
- 36 to the state general fund.
- 37 SECTION 2. IC 10-21-1-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.150-2023,
- 38 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 39 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) The board may award a matching grant to
- 40 enable a school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic

- 1 school (or a coalition of schools applying jointly) to:
- 2 (1) employ a school resource officer, employ a law enforcement
- 3 officer, or enter into a contract or memorandum of understanding
- 4 with a:
- 5 (A) local law enforcement agency;
- 6 (B) private entity; or
- 7 (C) nonprofit corporation;
- 8 to employ a school resource officer or a law enforcement officer;
- 9 (2) conduct a site vulnerability assessment of the buildings within
- 10 a school corporation or the buildings that are operated by a
- 11 charter school or accredited nonpublic school;
- 12 (3) conduct critical incident digital mapping of the buildings
- 13 within a school corporation or the buildings that are operated by
- 14 a charter school or accredited nonpublic school;
- 15 (4) purchase equipment, hardware, materials, and technology to:
- 16 (A) restrict access to school property and classrooms;
- 17 (B) assist with visitor management on school property;
- 18 (C) expedite notification of first responders;
- 19 (D) expedite access to school property for first responders;
- 20 (E) provide staff with information about open or closed status
- 21 of interior and exterior doors;
- 22 (F) detect fire, chemical, visual, or audible threats;
- 23 (G) enhance emergency communications inside the school
- 24 building; or
- 25 (H) assist with emergency medical response on school
- 26 property;
- 27 (5) implement a student and parent support services plan in the
- 28 manner set forth in IC 20-34-9;
- 29 (6) purchase or provide training for a canine trained to detect
- 30 drugs and illegal substances, explosives, or firearms, or to
- 31 otherwise provide protection for students and school employees
- 32 and the canine shall:
- 33 (A) be primarily assigned to a school corporation, charter
- 34 school, or accredited nonpublic school;
- 35 (B) be primarily assigned to a school resource officer or law
- 36 enforcement officer described in subdivision (1)(A) who has
- 37 received appropriate training for handling a canine trained to
- 38 detect drugs and illegal substances, explosives, or firearms, or
- 39 to otherwise provide protection for students and school
- 40 employees, including training regarding handling a canine in

- 1 a school setting; and
- 2 (C) receive continuous training as appropriate;
- 3 (7) provide funding for:
- 4 (A) school employees to receive training, including expenses
- 5 for per diem, travel, and lodging, related to:
- 6 (i) site vulnerability assessments;
- 7 (ii) mental health or behavioral health threat assessments;
- 8 (iii) multi-disciplinary threat assessment teams; or
- 9 (iv) emergency preparedness or response activities; or
- 10 (B) school resource officers or law enforcement officers
- 11 described in subdivision (1)(A) to receive training, including
- 12 expenses for per diem, travel, and lodging, related to handling
- 13 a canine trained to detect drugs and illegal substances,
- 14 explosives, or firearms, or to otherwise provide protection for
- 15 students and school employees;
- 16 (8) design and construct additions or renovations on school
- 17 property if the primary purpose of the construction project is to
- 18 enhance the physical security of the school building;
- 19 (9) provide one (1) time grants to enable school corporations,
- 20 charter schools, and accredited nonpublic schools with the sheriff
- 21 for the county in which the school corporation, charter school, or
- 22 accredited nonpublic school is located to provide the initial set up
- 23 costs for an active event warning system;
- 24 (10) implement a bullying prevention program; ~~or~~
- 25 (11) purchase student safety management technology; ~~or~~
- 26 **(12) purchase a storage pouch for purposes described in**
- 27 **IC 20-26-5-40.7(c)(3)(B);**
- 28 in accordance with section 2(a) of this chapter.
- 29 (b) A matching grant awarded to a school corporation, charter
- 30 school, or accredited nonpublic school (or a coalition of schools
- 31 applying jointly) may not exceed the lesser of the following during a
- 32 two (2) year period beginning on or after May 1, 2013:
- 33 (1) The total cost of the program established by the school
- 34 corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school (or the
- 35 coalition of schools applying jointly).
- 36 (2) Except as provided in subsection (d), the following amounts:
- 37 (A) Thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) per year, in the case
- 38 of a school corporation, charter school, or accredited
- 39 nonpublic school that:
- 40 (i) has an ADM of at least one (1) and less than one

- 1           thousand one (1,001) students; and
- 2           (ii) is not applying jointly with any other school corporation,
- 3           charter school, or accredited nonpublic school.
- 4           (B) Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) per year, in the case of a
- 5           school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic
- 6           school that:
- 7           (i) has an ADM of more than one thousand (1,000) and less
- 8           than five thousand one (5,001) students; and
- 9           (ii) is not applying jointly with any other school corporation,
- 10          charter school, or accredited nonpublic school.
- 11          (C) Seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) per year, in the
- 12          case of a school corporation, charter school, or accredited
- 13          nonpublic school that:
- 14          (i) has an ADM of more than five thousand (5,000) and less
- 15          than fifteen thousand one (15,001) students; and
- 16          (ii) is not applying jointly with any other school corporation,
- 17          charter school, or accredited nonpublic school.
- 18          (D) One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) per year, in the
- 19          case of a school corporation, charter school, or accredited
- 20          nonpublic school that:
- 21          (i) has an ADM of more than fifteen thousand (15,000); and
- 22          (ii) is not applying jointly with any other school corporation,
- 23          charter school, or accredited nonpublic school.
- 24          (E) One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) per year, in the
- 25          case of a coalition of schools applying jointly.
- 26          (c) Except as provided in subsection (d), the match requirement for
- 27          a grant under this chapter is based on the ADM for the school
- 28          corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school (or coalition
- 29          of schools applying jointly) that is the subject of the grant as follows:
- 30                (1) For a school corporation, charter school, or accredited
- 31                nonpublic school with an ADM of less than five hundred one
- 32                (501) students, the grant match must be twenty-five percent
- 33                (25%) of the grant amount described in subsection (b).
- 34                (2) For a school corporation, charter school, or accredited
- 35                nonpublic school with an ADM of more than five hundred (500)
- 36                and less than one thousand one (1,001) students, the grant match
- 37                must be fifty percent (50%) of the grant amount described in
- 38                subsection (b).
- 39                (3) For a school corporation, charter school, or accredited
- 40                nonpublic school with an ADM of more than one thousand

1 (1,000) students or a coalition of schools applying jointly, the  
 2 grant match must be one hundred percent (100%) of the grant  
 3 amount described in subsection (b).

4 (d) A school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic  
 5 school may be eligible to receive a grant of up to:

6 (1) one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) if:

7 (A) the school corporation, charter school, or accredited  
 8 nonpublic school receives a grant match of one hundred  
 9 percent (100%) of the requested grant amount; and

10 (B) the board approves the grant request; or

11 (2) for a school corporation, charter school, or accredited  
 12 nonpublic school described in subsection (c)(1) or (c)(2), a grant  
 13 of up to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) if:

14 (A) the school corporation, charter school, or accredited  
 15 nonpublic school receives a grant match of fifty percent (50%)  
 16 of the requested grant amount; and

17 (B) the board approves the grant request.

18 (e) A school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic  
 19 school may receive only one (1) matching grant under this section each  
 20 year.

21 (f) The board may not award a grant to a school corporation, charter  
 22 school, or accredited nonpublic school under this section unless the  
 23 school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school is in  
 24 a county that has a county school safety commission, as described in  
 25 section 12 of this chapter."

26 Page 1, between lines 16 and 17, begin a new line blocked left and  
 27 insert:

28 **"The term does not include a device described in subsection (h)."**

29 Page 3, between lines 9 and 10, begin a new paragraph and insert:

30 **"(h) Notwithstanding subsections (a) through (f), a student may**  
 31 **possess and use an unobtrusive audio recording device solely for**  
 32 **the student's individual educational notetaking or personal**  
 33 **learning assistance if the device:**

34 **(1) is designed principally to capture spoken word audio for**  
 35 **the purpose described in this subsection, including through**  
 36 **recording, transcription, summarization, or other personal**  
 37 **assistant functionality;**

38 **(2) does not capture, store, or transmit images or video;**

39 **(3) is visible to the classroom teacher or other appropriate**  
 40 **school personnel at all times while in use;**

1           **(4) is provided to the school for inspection upon request; and**  
 2           **(5) is used in a manner consistent with applicable state and**  
 3           **federal law governing consent to audio recording.**

4           **(i) Except as provided in subsection (d), nothing in the**  
 5           **exemption under subsection (h) shall be interpreted to limit a**  
 6           **school's authority to adopt and enforce policies to control or**  
 7           **restrict the possession or use of audio recording devices described**  
 8           **in subsection (h), including policies that:**

9               **(1) restrict where and when such devices may be used while at**  
 10              **school;**

11              **(2) prohibit the use of the devices during an assessment or**  
 12              **other activity designated by the school;**

13              **(3) prohibit the real time transmission, broadcasting, or live**  
 14              **streaming of audio recorded by the devices;**

15              **(4) require advance notification to either a classroom teacher**  
 16              **or building administrator as may be applicable in the school's**  
 17              **policy before use;**

18              **(5) require that recorded material be stored, retained, or**  
 19              **deleted in a manner consistent with school policy; and**

20              **(6) require consent requirements consistent with applicable**  
 21              **law for the recording of another student or school employee.**

22           **(j) A school corporation or charter school that adopts a policy**  
 23           **under this section that permits the possession or use of an audio**  
 24           **recording device under subsection (h) shall include in the policy a**  
 25           **provision that a recording made under subsection (h) may not be**  
 26           **used for a disciplinary, evaluative, or supervisory purpose against**  
 27           **a:**

28               **(1) student; or**

29               **(2) school employee."**

30           Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to SB 78 as reprinted January 14, 2026.)