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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION**

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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

*{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*

**Date Prepared:** 1/27/2025 *Check all that apply:*  
**Bill Number:** SB136 Original  Correction   
 Amendment  Substitute

**Sponsor:** Michael Padilla **Agency Name and Code** 790 – Department of Public Safety  
**Short Title:** Firearm Detection Software Fund **Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
0.00	5,000.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
NFI	NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

### **SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

#### **BILL SUMMARY**

Related to public school security; creates the non-reverting Firearm Detection Software Fund, administered by the Public Education Department, to provide grants to school districts and charter schools to contract for firearm detection software. \$5.0 million (GF, non-reverting) is appropriated for FY2026 and subsequent years.

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None.

#### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

None.

#### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

DPS supports this bill as a preventive measure that enhances public safety, strengthens collaboration with law enforcement, ensures the use of reliable technology, and supports schools in safeguarding their environments. This bill is a critical step in improving safety within public schools by providing schools with the resources to detect firearms on their premises. The ability to detect unholstered firearms quickly and alert both school personnel and law enforcement could potentially prevent tragic incidents before they escalate. The bill mandates that the firearm detection software integrate with existing surveillance or security systems within the schools. This would streamline operations, making it easier for schools to adopt the technology without needing to overhaul their entire security infrastructure. The seamless integration could make schools more resilient against potential threats.

The software's connection to a continuously staffed operations center provides real-time monitoring and rapid response to threats. In situations where seconds count, having a trained team ready to respond immediately can be the difference between preventing a violent incident or responding to one after it occurs.

The bill requires that the software be evidence-based or previously used by public schools, state agencies, or the federal government, which shows the reliability and effectiveness of the technology. Therefore, the software is not only cutting-edge, but has a track record of successful implementation and use, potentially increasing its trustworthiness.

DPS supports this bill because it reflects a proactive approach to public safety. Instead of waiting for violent incidents to happen, the bill equips schools with technology that helps prevent them. Given DPS's primary responsibility for ensuring the safety of citizens, particularly in emergency situations, supporting technology that helps avert violent crimes aligns with its mission.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

None.

#### **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

None.

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

None.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

None.

**ALTERNATIVES**

None.

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

Status Quo will remain.

**AMENDMENTS**

None.