

1 SENATE BILL
2 57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL SECURITY; CREATING THE FIREARM
12 DETECTION SOFTWARE FUND; PROVIDING FOR GRANTS TO SCHOOL
13 DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.
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15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

16 SECTION 1. A new section of the Public School Code is
17 enacted to read:

18 "[NEW MATERIAL] FIREARM DETECTION SOFTWARE FUND--GRANTS TO
19 PUBLIC SCHOOLS.--

20 A. The "firearm detection software fund" is created
21 as a nonreverting fund in the state treasury. The fund
22 consists of appropriations, gifts, grants, donations, income
23 from investment of the fund and other revenue credited to the
24 fund. The public education department shall administer the
25 fund, and expenditures from the fund shall be by warrant of the

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1 secretary of finance and administration pursuant to vouchers
2 signed by the secretary of public education or the secretary's
3 authorized representative.

4 B. Money in the fund is subject to appropriation by
5 the legislature for the purpose of providing grants to school
6 districts and charter schools to contract for firearm detection
7 software that is:

8 (1) designed to detect visible unholstered
9 firearms on a public school's premises and alert school
10 personnel and law enforcement;

11 (2) able to integrate with a public school's
12 existing surveillance or security system;

13 (3) designated as qualified anti-terrorism
14 technology by the United States secretary of homeland security
15 pursuant to 6 U.S.C. Section 441;

16 (4) managed by a contracted vendor and
17 connected to a continuously staffed operations center to
18 monitor and respond to detected threats;

19 (5) designed and developed in the United
20 States using patented or otherwise proprietary data not
21 accessible by third parties; and

22 (6) evidence-based or currently or previously
23 used by a public school, a state agency, another state or the
24 federal government.

25 C. Subject to the availability of money in the

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1 fund, all school districts and charter schools shall be
2 eligible for grants."

3 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--Five million dollars
4 (\$5,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
5 firearm detection software fund for expenditure in fiscal year
6 2026 and subsequent fiscal years to provide grants to school
7 districts and charter schools in accordance with the provisions
8 of the fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
9 at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the general
10 fund.

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