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HOUSE BILL 24-1123

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING A PROGRAM TO FUND THE ACQUISITION OF FIREARM**
102 **DETECTION SOFTWARE FOR USE IN SCHOOLS.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill establishes the school safety firearm detection funding program (program) in the office of school safety (office) to disburse money to local education providers to purchase, install, and operate firearm detection software for use in schools. The office administers the program.

In order to receive a disbursement, a local education provider must

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
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submit an application. The office shall disburse program money to eligible applicants in the order the applications are received. A recipient shall use program money to purchase and operate firearm detection software to detect, and alert local education provider personnel and first responders about, the presence of visible, unholstered firearms on school property.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

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3 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-1810,
4 **amend** (3)(h) and (3)(i); and **add** (3)(j) as follows:

5 **24-33.5-1810. School security disbursement program - created**
6 **- rules - definitions - repeal.** (3) An eligible entity that receives a
7 disbursement from the disbursement program may use the disbursed
8 money only for the following purposes:

- 9 (h) Implementing a school resource officer program; ~~and~~
10 (i) To implement a co-responder program; AND
11 (j) TO PURCHASE, INSTALL, AND OPERATE FIREARM DETECTION
12 SOFTWARE TO DETECT, AND ALERT LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER
13 PERSONNEL AND FIRST RESPONDERS ABOUT, THE PRESENCE OF VISIBLE,
14 UNHOLSTERED FIREARMS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY. THE SOFTWARE MUST
15 MEET THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN SECTION 24-33.5-1812.

16 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-33.5-1812 as
17 follows:

18 **24-33.5-1812. School security disbursement program - firearm**
19 **detection software.** (1) PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-33.5-1810 (3)(j), AN
20 ELIGIBLE ENTITY MAY USE A DISBURSEMENT FROM THE SCHOOL SECURITY
21 DISBURSEMENT PROGRAM TO PURCHASE, INSTALL, AND OPERATE FIREARM
22 DETECTION SOFTWARE. FIREARM DETECTION SOFTWARE PURCHASED AND

1 OPERATED WITH PROGRAM MONEY MUST:

2 (a) BE DEVELOPED IN THE UNITED STATES WITHOUT THE USE OF
3 ANY THIRD-PARTY OR OPEN-SOURCE DATA;

4 [REDACTED]
5 (b) INCLUDE A TRAINING DATABASE POPULATED WITH FRAMES OF
6 ACTUAL VIDEOS OF FIREARMS TAKEN IN RELEVANT ENVIRONMENTS
7 ACROSS DIVERSE INDUSTRIES;

8 [REDACTED]
9 (c) BE DESIGNED TO INTEGRATE WITH A LOCAL EDUCATION
10 PROVIDER'S EXISTING SECURITY CAMERA INFRASTRUCTURE;

11 (d) BE OPERATED DIRECTLY BY THE SELLER OF THE SOFTWARE
12 USING A CONSTANTLY MONITORED OPERATIONS CENTER THAT IS STAFFED
13 BY HIGHLY TRAINED ANALYSTS TO RAPIDLY COMMUNICATE POSSIBLE
14 THREATS TO LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER PERSONNEL AND FIRST
15 RESPONDERS; AND

16 (e) HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY USED BY OTHER STATES, SCHOOLS,
17 OR COMMERCIAL USERS, AS DETERMINED BY THE OFFICE. IN MAKING THE
18 DETERMINATION, THE OFFICE SHALL CONSIDER DEMONSTRATED
19 SUCCESSFUL INSTALLATION, MONITORING, AND REAL-WORLD DETECTIONS
20 BY THE SOFTWARE BY OTHER USERS.

21 (2) AN ELIGIBLE ENTITY THAT USES DISBURSEMENT PROGRAM
22 MONEY FOR FIREARM DETECTION SOFTWARE SHALL INCLUDE THE
23 FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN ITS REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT REQUIRED
24 PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-33.5-1810 (6)(a):

25 (a) A DESCRIPTION OF ANY INCIDENTS INVOLVING DETECTION OF
26 A FIREARM BY THE FIREARM DETECTION SOFTWARE PURCHASED WITH
27 PROGRAM MONEY, THE RESPONSE TIME FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR

1 EACH INCIDENT, AND ANY FALSE POSITIVE ALERTS MADE BY THE
2 SOFTWARE;

3 (b) THE LENGTH OF TIME THE FIREARM DETECTION SOFTWARE
4 PURCHASED WITH PROGRAM MONEY WAS INOPERABLE SINCE THE
5 SOFTWARE WAS ACTIVATED.

6 (3) IN ITS ANNUAL PRESENTATION TO THE COMMITTEES OF
7 REFERENCE PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-33.5-1810 (6)(b), THE DEPARTMENT
8 SHALL INCLUDE A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION REPORTED TO IT BY
9 ELIGIBLE ENTITIES PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

10 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
11 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
12 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
13 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
14 institutions.