



# Legislative Update

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# Guns

## **Extreme Risk Protection Order and Red Flag Laws (all headed to the governor or already signed)**

- Senate Bill 83 – Creates the Extreme Risk Protection Order Act and prohibits a restrained individual from possessing a firearm or license to carry.
- House Bill 4146 – Prohibits a restrained individual from possessing a CPL.
- House Bill 4147 – Prohibits a fee from being charged or collected for serving process issued in an action brought under the new Act.
- House Bill 4148 – Places the maximum term of imprisonment for a felony violation created by the new Act.

# Guns – Continued

## **Background Checks**

- House Bill 4138 – Requires a license and background check for the purchasing and possessing of a firearm.
- House Bill 4143 – Applies the sentencing guidelines for committing forgery on a pistol license application or providing a false statement on a pistol sales record to a firearm license and sales record.

# Guns – Continued

## Safe Storage (both bills signed into law)

- Senate Bill 79 – Provides penalties for an individual that leaves or stores a firearm where it can be accessed by a minor.
- Senate Bill 80 – Updates sentencing guidelines and places felony penalties for an individuals who does not comply with safety storing firearms.

# School Safety

## Reports and Plans

- HB 4088 – Requires schools to revise their emergency operations plan no later than July 1, 2025, and every three years thereafter.
- HB 4090 – Requires a school to adopt a school safety and security training plan that includes a school resource officer be assigned to the school.
- HB 4095 – Establishes a standardized response terminology plan and requires this to be adopted by the 24-25 school year.

# School Safety

## Training – HB 4098

- **For school resource officers:**
  - Position-specific training which is additive of the training received by the officer to become law enforcement.
  - Provide legal updates for the officer to understand his or her scope of authority in a school environment.
- **Coverage of 3 types of threat assessment guidelines:**
  - Virginia Student Threat Assessment
  - United State Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center
  - Salem-Keizer System

# School Safety

## Training – HB 4098

- For School Safety, Security Personnel, and school staff who are not licensed on law enforcement standards – Communication skills, De-escalation techniques, Physical controls, Cultural competence, Mandatory reporting, Target hardening, Crisis prevention and interventions, Mental health services
- For individuals who carrying firearms in their positions – training is required on decision making in high-stress situations

# School Safety

## New ISD position

- HB 4097 – Creates a position of one emergency and safety manager and mental health coordinator.

## New Commission

- HB 4089 – Creates the school safety and mental health commission, which consists of 8 members with a term of 4 years.

## OK2SAY

- House Bill 4093 – Requires OK2SAY tips be passed on to the Emergency and Safety Manager of the school and local law enforcement within 24 hours.

# One-Offs

## Panic Alarms

- HB 4241 – Requires the installation of one panic alarm and HB 4242 funds the requirement.

## Markers on Doors

- HB 4225 – Requires installation of high-visibility markers on all rooms and exterior doors of a school building and HB 4226 funds the requirement.

## Guardian Program

- HB 4314 – Develops a school safety guardian program for the purpose of training school guardians to aid in the prevention or abatement of an active assailant incident on a school premises.

# State Budget

## **\$250 million for school wellness and mental health in current budget:**

- \$150 million in per-pupil payments to improve mental health:
  - Meant to be flexible spending for the district and can be used for hiring support staff, implementing screening tools, providing consultations with behavioral health clinicians, and any other mental health service or product.
- \$50 million for the tools for teachers to support wellness (“TRAILS”) program.
- \$25 million to increase existing ISD grants (now up to \$62.8 million).
- \$25 million increase for school-based health centers (bringing the total to \$33 million).

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# State Budget – Continued

## **More than \$200 million for school safety funding:**

- \$168 million for safety needs – meant to be flexible spending for the district.
- \$25 million for SRO's.
- \$15 million to fund cross system intervention supports.
- The budget also establishes a School Safety and Mental Health Commission.

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# This Year – Exec. Rec.

## More than \$350 million for school safety and mental health funding:

- \$150 million for safety needs – (meant to be flexible spending for the district on top of the \$168 million for this current fiscal year).
- SRO funding is moved to ISD mental health and support services, which is increased to \$91 million.
- \$150 million for mental health per pupil grant.
- \$25 million for school-based health centers.

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# This Year – House

## More than \$350 million for school safety and mental health funding:

- Agrees with Executive Rec. on \$150 million school safety funding but adds SRO's as allowable expense.
- \$150 million for mental health per pupil grant, agreeing with the Executive.
- \$25 million for school-based health centers, agreeing with the Executive.
- ISD mental health and support services, which is increased to \$91 million, agreeing with the Executive.
- Also agrees with Executive and puts SRO's into this line.

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# This Year – Senate

## More than \$350 million for school safety and mental health funding:

- \$310 million for mental health and school safety – notably combining the two grants.
- \$15 million for SMART counselors' program.

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# Budget Timeline

- Voted out of full appropriations committee – this week
- Voted on the House and Senate floor – *likely* next week
- CREC – May 19
- Final negotiations – ?
- We're told goal is for final budget to be done by the end of May

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# Questions?