## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE RESOLUTIONNo.178Session of<br/>2023

INTRODUCED BY MARTIN, BROWN, DUSH AND SCHWANK, OCTOBER 3, 2023

SENATOR ARGALL, EDUCATION, AS AMENDED, NOVEMBER 14, 2023

## A RESOLUTION

Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to 1 conduct a study evaluating the outcomes of Act 44 of 2018 and 2 to issue a report of its findings and recommendations. 3 WHEREAS, Act 44 of 2018 established the School Safety and 4 5 Security Grant Program and the Safe2Say Program and formed the School Safety and Security Committee in the Pennsylvania 6 7 Commission on Crime and Delinquency; and WHEREAS, Act 44 of 2018 undoubtedly had much success in 8 better protecting the lives of our children, teachers and school 9 10 visitors throughout this Commonwealth and providing schools with 11 the resources they need; and 12 WHEREAS, The intent of this resolution is to improve upon the 13 successes of Act 44 of 2018 and help support potential future 14 policy recommendations for the programs and services established 15 under Act 44 of 2018; therefore be it 16 RESOLVED, That the Senate direct the Legislative Budget and 17 Finance Committee to conduct a study evaluating the outcomes of 18 Act 44 of 2018 and include all of the following information, using the most recent data available, regarding the program: 19

1(1) The average dollar amount that school entities<--</td>2AMOUNT THAT EACH SCHOOL ENTITY received through the program<--</td>3with intent to provide safety and security services.<--</td>

4 (2) An analysis of other relevant data sources on school 5 safety and student mental health, including Statewide and 6 county data from the Pennsylvania Youth Survey, as well as 7 data on school discipline.

8 (3) Using aggregate data, an analysis of types of 9 programs and services that schools applied for using their 10 grant money, aligned with items and activities included in 11 section 1306-B(j) of the Public School Code of 1949.

12 (4) An assessment A COMPARISON of the baseline criteria <--</li>
 13 adopted by the School Safety and Security Committee for <--</li>
 14 physical security and behavioral health. WITH NATIONAL <--</li>
 15 STANDARDS.

16 (5) A review of the standards required for school
 17 resource officers and school police officers SECURITY <--</li>
 18 PERSONNEL in Article XIII-C of the Public School Code of
 1949, including a comparison to national standards.

20 (6) A compilation of the NUMBER OF ASSESSMENTS CONDUCTED <--</li>
 21 BY THE Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Teams and the third 22 party vendors of the number of assessments conducted under <--</li>
 23 1307-B of the Public School Code of 1949 over the last five
 24 years.

(7) A review of the registration data and qualifications
of school safety and security assessment providers in section
1304-B of the Public School Code of 1949 and compare to
national standards.

29 (8) A review of the safety and security best practices
30 of other states;

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1 and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee 2 work with GATHER INPUT FROM THE SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY 3 <---COMMITTEE AND COORDINATE WITH the Pennsylvania Commission on 4 5 Crime and Delinquency to conduct the study; and to gather input <-from all of the following: 6 7 (1) The Office of Attorney General. 8 (2) The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency. 9 (3) The Pennsylvania State Police. 10 (4) The Pennsylvania Association of School Business-11 officials. 12 (5) The Pennsylvania Association of School 13 Administrators. 14 (6) The State Fraternal Order of Police. 15 (7) The Pennsylvania Psychological Association. 16 (8) The Pennsylvania Society for Clinical Social Work. 17 (9) The American Institute of Architects of 18 Pennsylvania. 19 (10) The Pennsylvania Principals Association. 20 (11) The Pennsylvania State Education Association. 21 (12) The Pennsylvania School Boards Association; 22 and be it further 23 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee 24 report its findings and recommendations to the Appropriations 25 Committee of the Senate, the Appropriations Committee of the 26 House of Representatives, the Education Committee of the Senate and the Education Committee of the House of Representatives no 27 28 later than November 30, 2024.

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