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**PA 144 of 2022 Section 97
Improve Student Safety
Guidance**

Governor Whitmer and the Michigan Legislature has allocated funding through Section 97 of the [State School Aid Act](#) for 2022-2023 school year only for districts and nonpublic schools to improve school safety. Funding will be dispersed on a per pupil basis, currently estimated to be \$109.00 per pupil. The final per pupil amount will be determined after districts have completed the application found at [Michigan Department of Education Section 31aa, 97, 97c, 97d Application \(state.mi.us\)](#).

Allowable expenditures under this section include but are not limited to:

- Coordination with local law enforcement
- Training for school staff on threat assessment and crises communication
- Training for school staff and students on threat response
- Safety infrastructure
 - Districts are encouraged to consider infrastructure needs determined by assessments and community input. Infrastructure includes but is not limited to door locks, hardened vestibules, artificial intelligence software for weapon detection, cameras, buzzer systems, etc.
- Age-appropriate training for students and families on responsible gun ownership
- Professional development for school resource officers that includes best practices for serving in a school setting
- Any other school safety service or product necessary to improve or maintain security in buildings

It is important that this funding be used to supplement school safety efforts and not supplant funding currently being used for this purpose. This includes any current safety and security personnel in the building. Districts may want to consider using these funds to complete security upgrades determined through the [section 97c](#) security assessments and [section 97d](#) critical incident mapping opportunities. Please continue to work closely with your local emergency manager in prioritizing your needs.

The [application](#) can be found through the Grant Electronic Monitoring System and Michigan Administrative Review System (GEMS MARS). The application will close on

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October 20, 2022, at 7:00 a.m. (Please note the new deadline date due to scheduled maintenance in the GEMS MARS system.)

These efforts support the [Strategic Education Plan](#) Goal 3: Improve the health, safety, and wellness for all learners. If you have questions regarding this information or other aspects of this grant program, please contact Mary Teachout, TeachoutM@michigan.gov, or Diane Golzynski, 517-241-5362 or GolzynskiD@michigan.gov.