

The Maryland Safe to Learn Act of 2018:

Where We Are

&

Where We're Headed

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2018 LEGISLATION



The Maryland Safe to Learn Act of 2018:

- Expands the Center and makes governance changes
- Provides funding for local school systems and the Center
- Requires each school system to develop multi-disciplinary behavioral health assessment teams
- Requires standardized training and certification for School Resource Officers
- Requires schools to file a report that they have an SRO or adequate law enforcement coverage
- Requires schools to conduct a safety evaluation and annually update their safety plan
- Additional school system requirements:
 - Report to Center certain data regarding lockdowns, threats, etc.
 - Appoint a mental health services coordinator to coordinate resources
 - Develop an annual schedule of drills
 - Identify a school safety coordinator to be certified by the Center



FY 19 FUNDING

\$40.6 million was included in the FY 19 budget for school safety, including:

- \$3 million for expansion of the Center for School Safety
- \$37.6 million in funding to local school systems, including:
 - \$10.6 million in operating funds
 - \$2.5 million for safety evaluations
 - \$1 million in operating funds for schools at risk of hate crimes
 - \$20 million to public schools for capital improvements
 - \$3.5 million to nonpublic schools for capital improvements

Funding – MCSS to LSS

\$2.5 million for
mandated safety
assessments

\$1 million for
hate crimes
grants

\$10.6 million for
Safe Schools
Fund Grants

\$10 million for
FY2020 SRO
Grants

FY 19 FUNDING



The Safe Schools Fund can be used for the following:

1. Conducting training for students and local school personnel on de-escalation of situations and identifying and reporting behaviors of concern;
2. Conducting training of assessment teams;
3. Conducting school safety evaluations;
4. Establishing formal and anonymous mechanisms for reporting safety concerns;
5. Reimbursing local law enforcement agencies for SRO training provided by the Center; **will be provided free of charge by the Center**
6. Enrolling school security employees in training provided by the Center; **will be provided free of charge by the Center**
7. Developing plans to deliver school-based behavioral health and other wraparound services;
8. Outreach to the broader school community to improve school safety, including to heighten awareness of existing mental health services and other services;
9. Providing information to students and parents on traveling safety to and from school; and
10. Improving and monitoring traffic control measures in the immediate vicinity of schools to reduce the potential for pedestrian and vehicle accidents.



FY 19 FUNDING

\$20 million in grants to public schools for safety and security related capital improvements identified through safety evaluations

\$3.5 million in funding for nonpublic school safety capital improvements – safety and security related grants distributed to nonpublic schools by formula

Both capital funding streams will be administered by the IAC.



Accomplishments:

- Model SRO Curriculum approved in July 2018
- Safe Schools Fund Grants Available July 2018
- Hate Crimes Grants Available August 2018
- Model Behavioral Threat Assessment Policy submitted September 2018
- Report to Governor and General Assembly of SRO / adequate law enforcement coverage at all public high schools – October 1, 2018
- School Safety Tip Line – October 2018

Mental Health Services Coordinator



September 1, 2018

The Act requires there be at least one person fulfilling this role per local school system.

Functions include:

1. Coordination of existing mental health services;
2. Referral for mental health services within LSS;
3. Collaboration with local health departments, social services, and mental health services providers;
4. Maximize external funding for mental health and wraparound services;
5. Develop plans for delivering behavioral health and wraparound services to students who exhibit behaviors of concern.

In Progress

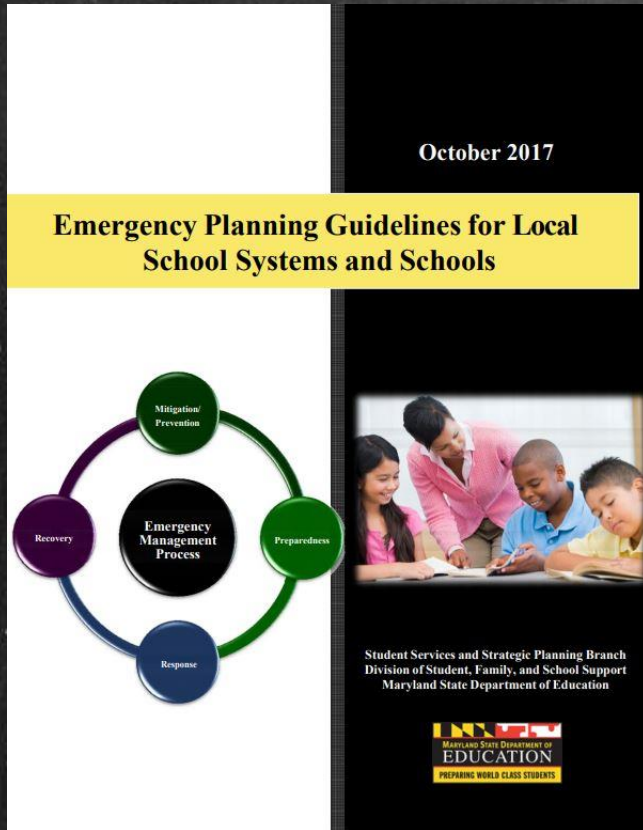
- Subcabinet gap analysis on behavioral health services for all 24 districts (Due: December 1, 2018).
- Subcabinet annual report on effectiveness of MCSS and recommendations (Due: December 15, 2018).
- Subcabinet develop regulations governing work of mental health services coordinator and/or regulations related to grant funding to assist LSS with developing plans for delivering services.
- MCSS analyze SRO / adequate law enforcement coverage data submitted by Oct. 1st and develop guidelines issued by December 15, 2018.

Further Down the Road

- MCSS develop and get SRO lesson plans approved (March 1, 2019);
- LSS complete safety evaluations (June 15, 2019);
- LSS develop plans to implement SRO coverage guidelines issued by the MCSS (July 1, 2019);
- LSS implement policy for establishment of assessment teams based on the State's model policy for behavioral threat assessment (Sept. 1, 2019);
- All SROs and school security employees be trained in model curriculum or comparable program (Sept. 1, 2019);
- MCSS report to Governor and General Assembly on use of force by SRO / school security employee (Dec. 1, 2020 then annually).

Maryland State Department of Education

Update
MSDE
Emergency
Planning
Guidelines



2019 December

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LSS Emergency Plan Updates

August 1, 2020:

- LSS update emergency plan for each school in the system to include plans to address:
 - Behavioral threats;
 - Emergency events;
 - Accommodations for students with disabilities in emergency events;
 - Conform with MSDE Guidelines (Dec. 1, 2019 revisions);
 - Updates required based lessons learned from threats, drills and emergency plan put into practice (after action review).

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