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School Security Task Force

Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice
Interim Committee

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H.B. 61, School Safety Requirements (2023 General Session)



HB 61, School Safety Requirements (2023)

- Created the School Security Task Force (repealed December 2023)
 - Tasked with multiple responsibilities, including developing legislation for the 2024 General Session
- School safety and security personnel:
 - State Security Chief (DPS)
 - School Safety Specialist for each school
 - Sheriff's offices
- School Safety and Support Grant Program – \$72M



H.B. 61 (2023): Legislative Appropriations

Entity	Amount	Legislative Intent & Other Information
State Board of Education: School Safety and Support Grants	\$72,000,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant program to provide school districts and charter schools with safety needs (first-aid kits, training, enhanced physical security, SRO services, etc.). • Prioritize funding for school districts and charter schools with low student counts. • Schools and districts must have a school safety specialist. 53F-5-220
State Board of Education: School Security Software	\$3,000,000	State procurement for school security software.



H.B. 61 (2023): School Safety and Support Grants

Campus Safety

- Keypads
- Cameras
- Single point of entry
- Safety film
- Locks, signage, fencing

Communication

- Intercoms
- Two-way radios
- Emergency apps

First Aid

- Automated external defibrillators
- Bleeding control kits

Professional Learning

- Threat assessment training
- Active shooter training

Personnel

- Security personnel
- Contracts with local law enforcement



H.B. 84, School Safety Amendments (2024 General Session)



H.B. 84, School Safety Amendments

Requires every school to conduct a school safety needs assessment by December 31, 2024

Requires school safety personnel at each district/school
(School safety and security directors, specialists, armed security personnel)

Adds responsibilities for county sheriffs and local law enforcement

Adds duties for the State Security Chief

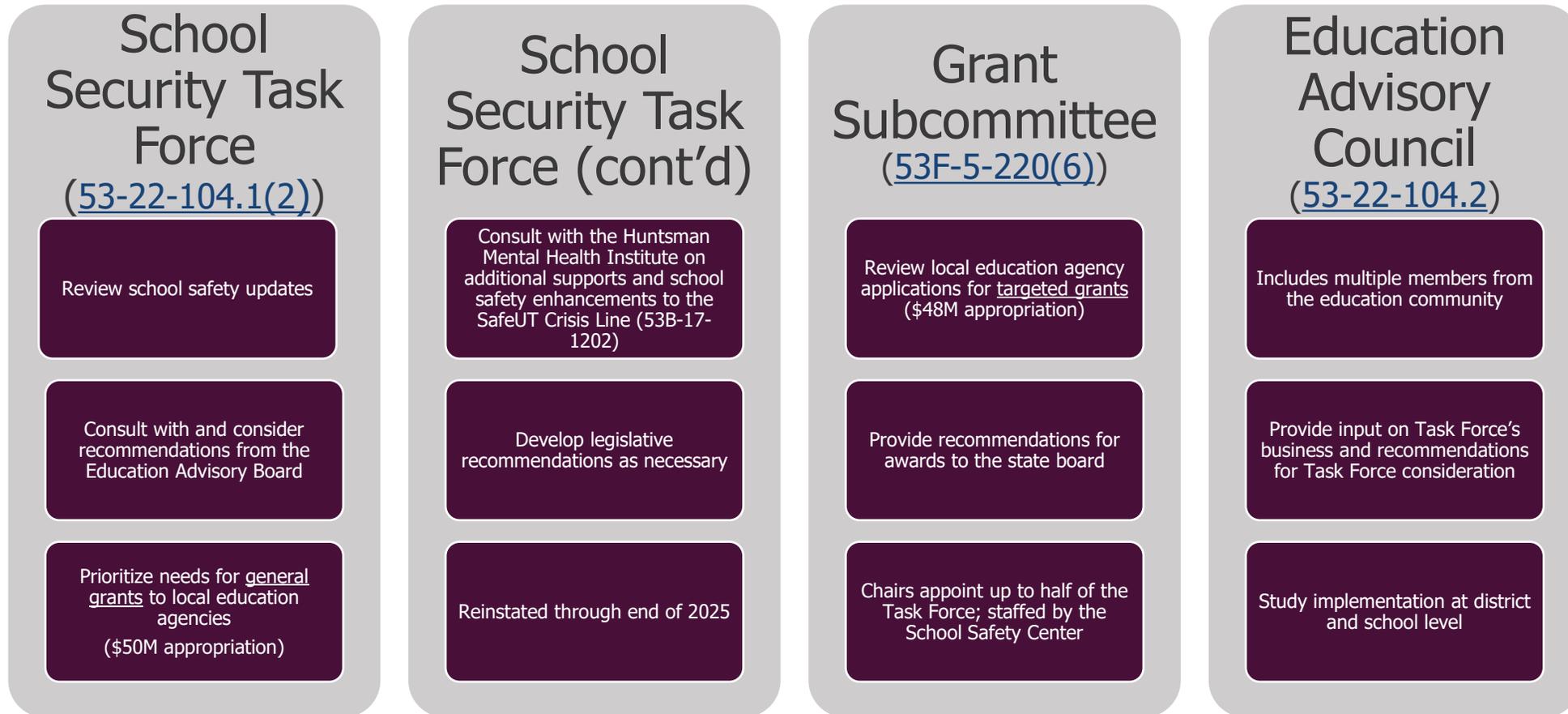
Establishes minimum safety and security standards for all school facilities

Appropriates \$100M for school safety grants



H.B. 84, School Safety Amendments

School Security Task Force & Education Advisory Council



H.B. 84 (2024): Legislative Appropriations

Total Appropriation: \$104,306,100

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State Board of Education: <u>General Grants to School Districts and Charter Schools</u>	\$50,000,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General grants for school districts and charter schools; the Task Force – in coordination with the State Security Chief and School Safety Center – prioritizes the grants by need. • Research expenses supporting the work of the Task Force, authorized by the co-chairs. (Lines 2805-2010)
State Board of Education: <u>Targeted Grants to School Districts and Charter Schools</u>	\$48,700,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targeted grants to school districts and charter schools based on the results of their needs assessment. • The Task Force’s grant subcommittee reviews applications and provides recommendations for awards. Awards granted by the state board. (Lines 2811-2812; 53F-5-220 , 53G-8-701.5)



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State Board of Education: Early Warning Software	\$2,100,000	Select a third-party provider for a statewide contract for student intervention early warning software. Local education agencies use funds for an online data reporting tool, digital platform, or to enhance existing tools. (Lines 2798-2801)
State Board of Education: Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (USDB)	\$45,700	Implementation costs specific to USDB
Commissioner of Public Safety: State Security Chief	\$2,118,100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personnel • Equipment, vehicles, other costs • School guardian stipends (Lines 2777-2788)
Commissioner of Public Safety: One-time Costs	\$1,300,000	One-time costs related to the State Security Chief's responsibilities. (Lines 2812-2817; 53-22-102)
Legislature: Senate, House, and LRGC	\$42,300	Administrative costs (Lines 2829-2841)

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