

SHB 1296 - H AMD 407

By Representative Couture

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1 On page 5, after line 39, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 104. A new section is added to chapter 28A.
3 525 RCW to read as follows:

4 (1) The office of the superintendent of public instruction
5 shall administer a school safety capital grant program as provided
6 for in this section and shall adopt rules under chapter 34.05 RCW
7 for the administration of the program.

8 (2) Project eligibility.

9 (a) Grants provided pursuant to this section may only be
10 awarded for school safety projects that make physical improvements
11 intended to advance the safety or security of a school facility.
12 Examples of eligible project types under this section include: (i)
13 Design and construction of security vestibules; (ii) purchase and
14 installation of metal detectors, facility key card access, remote
15 door access, panic buttons, or silent alarms; (iii) fencing; (iv)
16 lighting; and (v) crime prevention through environmental design
17 projects.

18 (b) Grantees must use grants awarded under this section to
19 incorporate, to the extent applicable to the project type, crime
20 prevention through environmental design principles.

21 (3) Applicant eligibility. Common schools, state-tribal
22 education compact schools, and charter schools are eligible to apply
23 for grants under this section. For charter schools, the office of
24 the superintendent of public instruction may award grants only from
25 funding sources other than the common school construction fund.

26 (4) Application process. The office of the superintendent of
27 public instruction shall develop a competitive grant application

1 process and assist eligible applicants in matters related to
2 applying for grants under this section.

3 (5) Administration.

4 (a) The office of the superintendent of public instruction may
5 use up to three percent of amounts appropriated for the grant
6 program under this section for costs that result from administration
7 of the program.

8 (b) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for
9 this specific purpose, the office of the superintendent of public
10 instruction shall award grants under this section on a competitive
11 basis.

12 (c) Prior to receiving funding, applicants for a grant under
13 this section must demonstrate that the project site is under their
14 control for a minimum of 10 years, either through ownership or a
15 long-term lease.

16 (d) In contracts for grants authorized under this section, the
17 office of the superintendent of public instruction shall include
18 provisions that require that capital improvements be held by the
19 grantee for a specified period of time appropriate to the amount of
20 the grant and that facilities be used for the express purpose of the
21 grant. If the office of the superintendent of public instruction
22 finds the grantee to be out of compliance with provisions of the
23 contract, the grantee shall repay the amount of the grant award to
24 the appropriate state fund, as determined by the office of the
25 superintendent of public instruction. If the source of grant funding
26 was general obligation bonds, then the repayment required for grant
27 noncompliance under this subsection must be made to the state
28 general fund and must include the principal amount of the grant plus
29 interest calculated at the rate of interest on state of Washington
30 general obligation bonds issued most closely to the date of
31 authorization of the grant.

32 (6) Maximum project cost. Projects receiving a grant award under
33 this section must have a total estimated project cost of \$1,000,000
34 or less."

EFFECT: Requires the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to administer a School Safety Capital Grant Program and provide grants of up to \$1,000,000 per project to public schools for physical improvements to advance facility safety or security, subject to certain conditions.

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