

HOUSE BILL No. 4464

February 24, 2009, Introduced by Reps. Leland and Lemmons and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled
"The state school aid act of 1979,"
(MCL 388.1601 to 388.1772) by adding section 92.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 92. (1) FROM THE STATE SCHOOL AID FUND APPROPRIATION IN
2 SECTION 11, THERE IS ALLOCATED AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
3 \$1,500,000.00 FOR 2008-2009 FOR SCHOOL SAFETY GRANTS TO DISTRICTS
4 UNDER THIS SECTION. IN ADDITION, AVAILABLE FEDERAL FUNDS ARE
5 APPROPRIATED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

6 (2) TO RECEIVE A GRANT UNDER THIS SECTION, A DISTRICT SHALL
7 APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT IN THE FORM AND MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THE
8 DEPARTMENT. THE GRANTS SHALL BE AWARDED ON A COMPETITIVE BASIS.
9 PROGRAMS FUNDED WITH GRANTS AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL MEET

1 ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

2 (A) THE PROGRAM SHALL USE THE FUNDS FOR HIRING AND TRAINING
3 SCHOOL SAFETY OFFICERS AND MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS FOR
4 FUNCTIONS DESCRIBED IN SUBDIVISION (B). THE FUNDS ALSO MAY BE USED
5 FOR PLANNING AND FOR PURCHASING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FOR SCHOOL
6 SAFETY OFFICERS AND MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS IN THE PROGRAM.

7 (B) THE PURPOSES OF THE PROGRAM SHALL BE TO RECOGNIZE WARNING
8 SIGNS AND RISK FACTORS AND TO PREVENT SCHOOL VIOLENCE AND BULLYING.

9 (C) THE GRANT FUNDS WILL BE USED APPROXIMATELY AS FOLLOWS:

10 (i) HIRING NEW SCHOOL SAFETY OFFICERS, 40%.

11 (ii) TRAINING SCHOOL SAFETY OFFICERS AND OTHER SCHOOL PERSONNEL
12 IN VIOLENCE PREVENTION, 10%.

13 (iii) TECHNOLOGICAL IMPROVEMENTS TO SUPPORT THE FUNCTIONING OF
14 SCHOOL SAFETY OFFICERS, 5%.

15 (iv) HIRING MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, 40%.

16 (v) TRAINING FOR MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, 5%.

17 (D) THE PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE A 25% LOCAL MATCH.

18 (3) GRANT PAYMENTS UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE PAID ON A
19 SCHEDULE OTHER THAN THE SCHEDULE UNDER SECTION 17B PURSUANT TO AN
20 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GRANT RECIPIENT AND THE DEPARTMENT.