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Senate Bill 1181 (as introduced 9-21-22)  
Sponsor: Senator Curtis S. VanderWall  
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### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the State School Aid Act to provide supplemental appropriations for fiscal year (FY) 2022-23. Specifically, the bill would add \$238.0 million in Federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (SFRF) money, for a gross supplemental appropriation of \$238.0 million.

The bill would appropriate \$238.0 million Federal SFRF to a nonprofit organization to contract with an eligible vendor for the implementation of firearms detection software that would integrate existing security cameras to detect and alert school personnel and first responders to visible firearms on school property and the use of the services provided through the center described in the bill. The nonprofit organization would have to coordinate with districts, intermediate districts, and nonpublic schools and use the funding for allowed purposes in buildings operated by districts, intermediate districts, or nonpublic schools.

"Eligible vendor" would mean a vendor that pledges to establish and operate a center that is capable of directly informing schools, law enforcement agencies, and State emergency services in the coordination of an effective response to a school shooting event. The center would have to be operational 24 hours a day, seven days a week, each day of the year. To remain eligible, the vendor could not cease or pause operations of the center after the bill's effective date.

Funding could be used for the implementation of the software described in the bill and for costs associated with the installation of other software, servers, and subsequent monitoring needed for the implementation of the software. The firearms detection software would need to be organically developed and proprietary to the eligible vendor it was purchased from and should not include any third-party or open-source data. It also would need to be qualified anti-terrorism technology as defined in the Code of Federal Regulations (48 CFR 50.201).

The first payment of \$1.0 million would need to be made by the Department of Treasury no more than 45 days after the bill's effective date. Subsequent payments would need to be made monthly by the Department on a reimbursement basis, based on expenses submitted by the eligible nonprofit organization. No more than 1.0% of the funds allocated could be used for administrative costs by the eligible nonprofit organization. "Eligible nonprofit organization" would mean a statewide nonprofit organization that represents a consortium of districts in urban areas that is engaged in providing educational and risk management services to districts across the State and that contracts with an eligible vendor for the implementation of the firearms detection software.

If the eligible nonprofit organization contracted with a vendor that was initially an eligible vendor but ceased to meet the criteria for an eligible vendor, the eligible nonprofit would be prohibited from utilizing the funding obtained under this section for payment to that vendor. Also, funding would be designated as a work project and any unexpended funds for FY 2022-23 would be carried forward to FY 2023-24.

Proposed MCL 388.1697g

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would appropriate \$238.0 million Federal for FY 2022-23 supplemental funding from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund. As of September 2022, there remains \$786.9 million left to be appropriated from the Fund.

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