# **Legislative Analysis**



## REQUIRE QUARTERLY REPORTS OF OK2SAY TIPS

House Bill 4229 (H-1) as reported from committee

Sponsor: Rep. Cynthia Neeley

**Committee: Education and Workforce** 

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## **SUMMARY:**

House Bill 4229 would amend 2018 PA 435 to require the Office of School Safety within the Department of State Police (MSP) to compile quarterly reports of tips received under section 3 of the Student Safety Act, the act that created Michigan's OK2SAY confidential tip reporting system. The system receives tips regarding potential harm involving students, school staff, or school buildings. These quarterly reports would have to be provided to the School Safety and Mental Health Commission established in section 6 of the Comprehensive School Safety Plan Act. The commission is also housed within MSP. House Bill 4229 cannot take effect unless House Bill 4258 is also enacted.

MCL 28.683

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

House Bill 4229 could have a nominal fiscal impact on the Department of State Police. MSP's Office of School Safety currently administers the OK2SAY program, a tip-based hotline required by the Student Safety Act. Under both section 8 of the Student Safety Act and boilerplate section 407 of MSP's enacted appropriations act (Article 14 of 2024 PA 121), the Office of School Safety is already required to track tips and submit annual reports to the legislature containing information about these tips. Any costs associated with producing additional quarterly reports on the OK2SAY program, as required by the bill, would likely be incidental and could be absorbed by existing appropriations.

#### **POSITIONS:**

The following entities indicated support for the bill:

- Michigan Parent Teacher Association (4-16-25)
- Michigan Catholic Conference (4-16-25)
- Michigan Association of Non-public Schools (4-16-25)
- Michigan Association of Superintendents and Administrators (4-16-25)

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-28-806</u>. The commission was created by 2024 PA 263, which took effect April 2, 2025.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Bills/Bill?ObjectName=2025-HB-4258