

Legislative Analysis



REQUIRE OK2SAY TIPS TO BE SHARED WITH SCHOOLS

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House Bill 4258 (proposed substitute H-1)
Sponsor: Rep. Angela Rigas

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House Bill 4259 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Samantha Steckloff

Committee: Education and Workforce
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4258 would amend the Student Safety Act to require the Department of State Police (MSP) to notify a *school* as soon as possible, but not more than 24 hours, after receiving a *tip* that the department is able to determine is related to that school or an identifiable location. The notification would have to be made through the school's main office line or, if provided outside normal business hours, through a telephone line designated by the school.

Tip would mean a report or other information from the public regarding potential self-harm, harm, or criminal acts directed at school students, school employees, or schools in Michigan, received through OK2SAY, the 9-1-1 system, or any other system or program used to report tips.

School means a public, private, denominational, or parochial school offering developmental kindergarten, kindergarten, or any grade 1 through 12, regardless of whether school is in session. The term also includes all school property.

The department also would have to notify, in the same time frame, the local law enforcement agency or county sheriff's department that has the affected school in its jurisdiction, as well as any other agency MSP determines appropriate.

MCL 752.913

House Bill 4259 would amend the Student Safety Act to add the definition of *tip* provided above.

MCL 752.912

Each bill can take effect only if both bills are enacted.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4258 would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on the Department of State Police and no fiscal impact on local law enforcement agencies. The department currently accepts OK2SAY tips concerning any public or private schools in the state on a 24/7 basis and employs reporting procedures that instruct OK2SAY technicians to forward or refer information

contained in tips to the appropriate responding party (commonly school officials and local law enforcement). The typical length of time between when a tip is received and when MSP notifies the responding parties is not known. Any fiscal impact to MSP would depend on the costs, if any, associated with bringing MSP's current procedures into compliance with the bill's requirement that the department notify nonpublic schools and school districts, as well as the relevant local law enforcement agency or county sheriff's department, within 24 hours of receiving a tip.

House Bill 4259 is a companion bill to House Bill 4258 and would have no direct fiscal impact on the state or local units of government.

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