

# The School Safety and Resiliency Act



# State School Security Marshal

- Conducts on-site reviews to ensure compliance
- Appointed by commissioner of DOCJT
- **By September 1 of each year**, marshal presents annual report to KCSS
- **By July 1, 2020** – Marshal develops/updates a school security risk assessment tool

# State School Security Marshal

**Assessment tool shall enable administrators to evaluate school security:**

- School emergency and crisis preparedness planning
- Security, crime and violence prevention policies and procedures
- Physical security measures
- Professional development training needs
- Support service roles in school safety, security and emergency planning
- SRO staffing, operational practices
- School and community collaboration on school security
- Analysis of the cost effectiveness of recommended physical security controls

# State School Security Marshal

- **By July 15, 2021**, and each subsequent year, superintendent shall send verification to the state school security marshal and KDE that all schools within the district have completed the school risk assessment for the previous year.
- **Beginning with the 2021-22 school year**, and each subsequent year, any school that has not completed a school security risk assessment in the previous year shall be required to provide additional mandatory training (through DOCJT).

# School Safety Coordinator

(Appointed by Supt for 2019-20 School Year)

- School Safety Coordinator (SSC) shall:
  - Complete the SSC training program within 6 months of appointment
  - Designate a school safety and security threat assessment team at each school consisting of 2 or more staff members...to identify and respond to students exhibiting behavior that indicates a potential threat to school safety or security. Members may include school administrators, counselors, SROs, school-based mental health services providers, teachers and other school personnel;

# School Safety Coordinator

- Provide training to principals within the district on procedures for completion of the school security risk assessment;
- Review all school security risk assessments completed within the district and prescribe recommendations as needed in consultation with the state school security marshal;
- **Advise the superintendent by July 1, 2021**, and annually thereafter of completion of required security risk assessments;

# School Safety Coordinator

- Formulate recommended policies/procedures (excluded from Open Records law) for an all-hazards approach including conducting emergency response drills for hostage, active shooter, and building lockdown situations in consultation and coordination with appropriate public safety agencies for review and adoption as part of school emergency plan required by KRS 158.162. The recommended policies shall encourage the involvement of students, as appropriate, in the development of the school's emergency plan, and;

# School Safety Coordinator

- Ensure each school campus is toured at least once per school year, in consultation and coordination with appropriate public safety agencies, to review policies and procedures and provide recommendations related to school safety and security.



# School Safety Coordinator

- **School employees participating in the activities of a school safety and security threat assessment team, acting in good faith, shall be immune from any civil or criminal liability** that might otherwise be incurred from:
  - Identifying the student and implementing a response;  
or
  - Participating in any judicial proceeding that results from the identification.

# School Resource Officers

- Local boards, superintendents, and law enforcement agencies shall cooperate to **assign 1 or more certified SROs to each school within a district** as funds and qualified personnel become available.
- MOU - SRO is shall not be responsible for school discipline matters that are the responsibility of school administrators or school employees.
- KY Law Enforcement Council and KCSS - Three levels of training for SROs (40 hours each); SRO I to be completed within one year of employment and SRO II and III within subsequent 2 years.

# School Resource Officers

- SRO Course Curriculum:
  - Foundations of school-based law enforcement
  - Threat assessment and response
  - Youth drug use and abuse
  - Social media and cyber security
  - SROs as teachers and mentors
  - Youth mental health awareness
  - Diversity and bias awareness training
  - Trauma-informed action
  - Understanding students with special needs; and
  - De-escalation strategies

# School Resource Officers

- Certification status, losing certification, regaining certification
- **No later than November 1 of each year,** superintendent shall report to KCSS the number and placement of SROs in the district, including sources of funding and method of employment for each position.

# Access Control Amendments

## **KRS 158.162 regarding access control amended:**

(3)(d) Practices shall [~~may~~] include but not be limited to:

1. Controlling outside access to exterior doors during the school day;

2. Controlling the main [~~front~~] entrance of the school with electronically locking doors, a camera, and an intercom system [~~or with a greeter~~];

3. Controlling access to individual classrooms;

4. Requiring classroom doors to be equipped with hardware that allows the door to be locked from the outside but opened from the inside;

# Access Control Amendments

**KRS 158.162 regarding access control amended:**

**5. Requiring classroom doors to remain closed and locked during instructional time;**

**6. Requiring classroom doors with windows to be equipped with material to quickly cover the window during a building lockdown;**

**7. Requiring all visitors to report to the front office of the building, provide valid identification, and state the purpose of the visit; and**

**8. Providing a visitor's badge to be visibly displayed on a visitor's outer garment.**

# Access Control Amendments

(4) All schools shall be in compliance with the provisions of subsection (3)(d) of this section as soon as practicable but no later than July 1, 2022.

(7) A district with a school not in compliance with the requirements of subsection (3)(d) of this section by July 1, 2022, shall not be eligible for approval for new building construction or expansion in the 2022-23 school year and any subsequent year without verification of compliance, except for facility improvements that specifically address school safety and security issues required by this section or in essential cases for the protection of student or staff health and safety.

# Suicide Prevention Awareness Training

## **KRS 156.095 is amended:**

- (6)(b) By September 15 of each year, every public *school shall provide* suicide prevention awareness information *in person, by live streaming, or via a video recording* to all *students in grades six (6) through twelve (12).*



# Suicide Prevention Awareness Training

- (6)(c) Beginning with the 2018-19 school year, and every other year thereafter, a minimum of one (1) hour of high-quality suicide prevention training, including the recognition of signs and symptoms of possible mental illness, shall be required for all school district employees with job duties requiring direct contact with students in grades six (6) through twelve (12).
- “When a staff member subject to the training...is initially hired during a school year in which the training is not required, the local district shall provide suicide prevention materials to the staff member for review.”

# Active Shooter Training

- (7) By November 1, 2019, and November 1 of each year thereafter, a minimum of one (1) hour of training on how to respond to an active shooter situation shall be required for all school district employees with job duties requiring direct contact with students.

(May be included in the four days of professional development under KRS 158.070)

## School Counselor, School-based Mental Health Service Provider, and Trauma-informed Approach

- **Beginning July 1, 2021**, or as funds and qualified personnel become available
  - One school counselor in each school (goal of 1:250) and 60% or more in direct services to students.
  - School counselor or school-based mental health services provider at each school shall facilitate the creation of a trauma-informed team to identify and assist students whose learning, behavior and relationships have been impacted by trauma. The team consists of administrators, counselors, mental health services providers, FRYSC coordinators, school nurses, and any other school or district personnel.

## School Counselor, School-based Mental Health Service Provider, and Trauma-informed Approach

- Trauma-informed team members shall provide training, guidance, and assistance to other administrators, teachers and staff on:
  - Recognizing symptoms of trauma in students;
  - Utilizing interventions and strategies to support the learning needs of those students
  - Implementing a plan for trauma-informed approach

## School Counselor, School-based Mental Health Service Provider, and Trauma-informed Approach

- No later than November 1, 2019 – Supt reports to KDE the number and placement of school counselors, source of funding for each position, and a summary of the job duties, and approximate percent of time devoted to each duty over the course of the year.
- **On or before July 1, 2020**, KDE shall make available a toolkit that includes guidance, strategies behavioral interventions, etc. to assist school districts in developing a trauma-informed approach in schools.

# School Counselor, School-based Mental Health Service Provider, and Trauma-informed Approach

- **On or before July 1, 2021**, each local board of education shall develop a plan for implementing a plan for trauma-informed approach in its schools. The plan shall include:
  - Enhancing trauma awareness throughout the school community
  - Assessment of the school climate, including inclusiveness and diversity
  - Developing trauma-informed discipline policies
  - Collaborating with law enforcement to create procedures for notification of student-involved trauma; and
  - Providing services and programs designed to reduce the negative impact of trauma, support critical learning, and foster a positive and safe school environment for every student.

# KRS 508.078

## Terroristic Threatening

KRS 508.078 is amended

- A person is guilty of terroristic threatening — makes false statements by any means for the purpose of:
  - Causing evacuation of a school building, property, or school activity
  - Causing cancellation of classes, activities
- Creating fear of serious bodily harm among students, parents or school personnel

# KRS 508.078

## Terroristic Threatening

- **By July 1, 2019**, KY Office of Homeland Security (collaboration with KCSS, KDE, DOCJT, and KSP), shall make available to each local school district an anonymous reporting tool that allows students, parents and community members to anonymously supply information concerning unsafe, potentially harmful, dangerous, violent, or criminal activities, or the threat of these activities, to appropriate public safety agencies and school officials.



# KRS 508.078

## Terroristic Threatening

- Information reported shall immediately be sent to the administration of each school district affected and law enforcement agencies responsible for protection of those districts
- Law enforcement dispatch centers school districts and schools shall be made aware of the reporting tool.
- KOHS shall develop and provide a comprehensive training and awareness program on the use of the anonymous reporting tool.

# KRS 508.078

## Terroristic Threatening

Notification requirements (KRS 508.078 – Terroristic Threatening, Penalties, etc.)

- The superintendent of each local district shall require the principal of each school to provide written notice to all students, parents, and guardians of students **within 10 days of the first instructional day of each school year** of the provisions of KRS 508.078 and potential penalties under KRS 532.060 and 534.030.

# Donations

## Enhancing School Safety and Security

- Section 23 – It's permissible for schools/districts to receive donations for the purposes of enhancing school safety and security

# On your mark, get set, GO!

- Section 26 – “Whereas school safety is the top priority for the General Assembly, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a law.”
- Was signed by the Governor on March 27, 2019