

By Senator Gruters

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to security for Jewish day schools and  
3       preschools; creating s. 1001.2921, F.S.; subject to  
4       and consistent with funds appropriated from the  
5       General Appropriations Act, requiring the Department  
6       of Education to establish a program to provide funds  
7       to full-time Jewish day schools and preschools for  
8       specified security purposes; providing authorized uses  
9       for specified funds; authorizing the State Board of  
10      Education to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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14       Section 1. Section 1001.2921, Florida Statutes, is created  
15 to read:

16       1001.2921 Security funding for Jewish day schools and  
17 preschools.-

18       (1) As authorized by and consistent with funds appropriated  
19 in the General Appropriations Act, the Department of Education  
20 shall establish a program to provide funds to make full-time  
21 Jewish day schools and preschools in this state secure with  
22 professional security hardening, as needed, to better secure  
23 facilities of such schools and preschools and to protect their  
24 students. Based on a risk assessment by a law enforcement agency  
25 or a private security company, recurring funds must be used for  
26 any of the following:

27       (a) The purchase and installation of security cameras,  
28 perimeter lighting, perimeter fencing, and shatter-resistant  
29 glass for windows.

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30       (b) Hiring or contracting with security personnel who are  
31 licensed and regulated by the state and insured.

32       (c) Expenses relating to transportation to minimize  
33 security exposure of staff, parents, and students.

34       (d) Other nonhardening security measures, including, but  
35 not limited to, providing professional detection, prevention,  
36 and security services to such schools and preschools.

37       (2) The State Board of Education may adopt rules to  
38 administer this section.

39       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.