SENATE FILE NO. SF0079

School safety and security.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Ellis, Coe, Hutchings, Landen and Rothfuss and Representative(s) Brown, Connolly, Paxton and Simpson

A BILL

for

- 1 AN ACT relating to student and school safety; requiring
- 2 school districts to adopt school safety and security
- 3 policies; creating duties for the state superintendent of
- 4 public instruction; providing for confidentiality; and
- 5 providing for an effective date.

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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

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9 **Section 1**. W.S. 21-3-134 is created to read:

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11 21-3-134. School safety and security policies.

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- 13 (a) Each school district board of trustees shall
- 14 adopt safety and security policies, including threat
- 15 assessment procedures, compatible with the model framework

- 1 developed by the department in accordance with W.S.
- 2 21-2-202(a)(xxxviii).

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- 4 (b) The superintendent of each school district shall
- 5 implement the safety and security policies adopted pursuant
- 6 to subsection (a) of this section.

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- 8 (c) A district's safety and security policies and
- 9 drafts of the policies, if so designated by the district,
- 10 shall be confidential and are not public records available
- 11 for public inspection under the Public Records Act, W.S.
- 12 16-4-201 et seq. The board may develop, discuss, review and
- 13 adopt safety and security policies in executive session not
- 14 open to the public.

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- 16 **Section 2.** W.S. 21-2-202(a) by creating a new
- 17 paragraph (xxxviii) is amended to read:

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19 21-2-202. Duties of the state superintendent.

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21 (a) In addition to any other duties assigned by law,

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22 the state superintendent shall:

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1	(xxxviii) Develop resources for use by school
2	districts to improve student and school safety. The
3	resources shall include:
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5	(A) A model school safety and security
6	framework, including model threat assessment procedures for
7	intervention with students whose behavior poses a threat to
8	the safety of school staff or students. The model framework
9	shall be developed in consultation with school districts
10	and the office of homeland security;
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12	(B) A system to provide technical
13	assistance to school districts in the development and
14	implementation of initiatives promoting school safety,
15	including threat assessment procedures.
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17	Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2020.
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