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**HOUSE BILL NO. 2343**

Offered February 8, 2013

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 10 of Chapter 1 of Title 9.1 sections numbered 9.1-184.1 and 9.1-184.2, relating to establishment of the School Security Infrastructure Improvement Fund and the Local School Safety Fund.*

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Introduced at the request of the Governor

Referred to Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 10 of Chapter 1 of Title 9.1 sections numbered 9.1-184.1 and 9.1-184.2 as follows:**

**§ 9.1-184.1. School Security Infrastructure Improvement Fund established.**

A. From such funds as may be appropriated by the General Assembly and any gifts, grants, and donations from public or private sources, there is hereby created in the state treasury a special nonreverting fund to be known as the School Security Infrastructure Improvement Fund, hereafter referred to as "the Fund." The Fund shall be established on the books of the Comptroller. Interest earned on moneys in the Fund shall remain in the Fund and be credited to it. Any moneys remaining in the Fund, including interest thereon, at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund but shall remain in the Fund. Moneys in the Fund shall be used for revolving loans and grants to local school divisions for capital infrastructure improvements relating to school safety and security. Any grant made from the Fund shall require a minimum 50 percent project match by the applicant school division. Any loan made from the Fund shall require a minimum 10 percent project match by the applicant school division. Expenditures and disbursements from the Fund shall be made by the State Treasurer on warrants issued by the Comptroller upon written request signed by the Director of the Department.

B. The Department shall develop guidelines concerning the requirements for applying for a grant or a loan and the administration of such grants or loans. Such guidelines shall not be subject to the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.).

**§ 9.1-184.2. Local School Safety Fund established.**

A. From such funds as may be appropriated by the General Assembly and any gifts, grants, and donations from public or private sources, there is hereby created in the state treasury a special nonreverting fund to be known as the Local School Safety Fund, hereafter referred to as "the Fund." The Fund shall be established on the books of the Comptroller. Interest earned on moneys in the Fund shall remain in the Fund and be credited to it. Any moneys remaining in the Fund, including interest thereon, at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund but shall remain in the Fund. The Fund shall be administered by the Department of Criminal Justice Services, in consultation with the Department of Education, and moneys in the Fund shall be used solely to provide grants to local school divisions for the purpose of addressing school safety, security, and violence prevention needs as determined through local assessments and evaluations. Expenditures and disbursements from the Fund shall be made by the State Treasurer on warrants issued by the Comptroller upon written request signed by the Director of the Department.

B. The Department of Criminal Justice Services, in consultation with the Department of Education, shall develop guidelines concerning the requirements for applying for a grant and the administration of such grants. Such guidelines shall not be subject to the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.).

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