

HB 576 -- School Safety and Violence Prevention

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This bill creates the School Safety and School Violence Prevention Fund and requires, beginning with Fiscal Year 2013 and subject to appropriations, the General Assembly to annually appropriate to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education up to \$1.5 million for deposit into the fund. The department must select an existing agency or establish a new one to be the statewide center for school safety and school violence prevention and receive moneys from the fund. The center must provide services and resources to all public schools which must include, but not be limited to, violence prevention and intervention programs and models; guidance on building safety and emergency plans; assistance in staff development on school safety issues; publication of newsletters and maintenance of a web site; annual training for school safety coordinators; acting as an information clearinghouse; and collaboration with national, state, and local agencies on school safety issues. The center must annually submit a budget to the department and a summary of its services and programs to the department and the General Assembly.