

CHAPTER 2024-264

House Bill No. 1109

An act relating to security for Jewish day schools and preschools; creating s. 1001.2921, F.S.; subject to and consistent with funds appropriated from the General Appropriations Act, requiring the Department of Education to establish a program to provide funds to full-time Jewish day schools and preschools for specified security purposes; providing authorized uses for such funds; authorizing the State Board of Education to adopt rules to administer this section; providing an effective date.

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

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

1001.2921 Security funding for Jewish day schools and preschools.—

(1) As authorized by and consistent with funds appropriated in the General Appropriations Act, the Department of Education shall establish a program to provide funds to make full-time Jewish day schools and preschools in the state secure with professional security hardening, as needed, to better secure facilities of such schools and preschools and to protect their students. Based on a risk assessment by law enforcement or a private security company, recurring funds shall be used towards:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor June 24, 2024.

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