

HB 2124 -- School Safety and School Violence Prevention

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This bill creates the School Safety and School Violence Prevention Fund and requires, beginning with Fiscal Year 2010, the General Assembly to appropriate to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education \$1.5 million to be placed in 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, which will receive moneys from the fund. The center will provide services including, but are not limited to, violence prevention and intervention programs and models; guidance on building safety and emergency plans; assistance in staff development on school safety; 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 will annually furnish a budget to the department and a summary of its services and programs to be shared with the General Assembly.