



149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL NOTE

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**BILL:** HOUSE BILL NO. 336  
**SPONSOR:** Representative Miro  
**DESCRIPTION:** AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SILENT ALARM SYSTEMS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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**Assumptions:**

1. This Act requires every public school building to be equipped with a silent alarm system capable of notifying local law enforcement of an emergency that may be manually activated from at least one location within the public school.
2. The Department of Education surveyed school districts on the number of schools that currently have silent alarm systems meeting the requirements of this Act.  

The Department received responses on 148 of the total 226 public school buildings among the regular and vocational-technical school districts and charter schools. Of the 148 schools, 27 school buildings were identified as currently meeting the requirements of this Act with 10 schools in the process of adding silent alarm systems to their buildings. As such, there are a total of 189 school buildings possibly impacted by this Act.
3. Depending on the infrastructure needs of the school buildings, the estimated one-time cost per building to satisfy the provisions of this Act is expected to range between \$500 to \$1,500, which includes hardware and installation.
4. Ongoing monitoring costs are assumed to be absorbed within the existing cost of school building security systems given a large majority of public schools are equipped with security systems.

**Cost: State**

Fiscal Year 2019: \$94,500 to \$283,500 for installation  
Fiscal Year 2020: \$0  
Fiscal Year 2021: \$0

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