

HB 111 -- CONTROLLED ACCESS TO SCHOOL FACILITIES

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This bill requires that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) develop a model controlled access entryway system by July 1, 2024, and that school districts and charter schools modify current facilities and implement such model by the 2024-25 school year.

The bill defines controlled access entryway systems to include specific requirements such as: exterior door locking at the start of each day, with only access through the main entrance entry only; established main entrance with visible signage; intercom systems for communication with school staff; and staff training on access procedures.

Optional components for the system model are provided and include but are not limited to: reconfiguration of the school's main entrance; reduction of entry doors accessible from the outside; increased training for staff, pupils and parents; and electromagnetic locks and video intercom systems.

The bill provides for grants for up to 70% reimbursement to school districts and charters for costs incurred in implementing the controlled access entryways system, and implementation by schools is not required until such grant funding is appropriated by DESE.