

Mississippi School Safety Task Force

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Governor's Executive Order 1422 The Mississippi School Safety Task Force

- Address potential threats
- Identify ways to prevent and mitigate potential threats
- Evaluate current response efforts and resources
- Make recommendations for improvement



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People Appointed to the Task Force

- Education
- Law enforcement/emergency management
- Mental health
- Legislators
- Student representative



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Mississippi School Safety Act of 2019

- House Bill 1283 passed and was signed by the Governor
- This bill took effect July 1, 2019



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Active Shooter Drills

- Must conduct an active shooter drill within the first 60 days of each semester on every campus
- The task force is working on the definition of an active shooter drill



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Mental Health

- MDE to establish pilot programs in 6 school districts
- Provide students in grades K-5 with skills to manage stress and anxiety



Mental Health

- MDE to require local school districts to conduct refresher training every two years on mental health along with suicide prevention
- MDE will develop a Memorandum of Understanding for school districts to use with mental health providers



Annual Inspection and Threat Assessment

- The Mississippi Office of Homeland Security shall develop a curriculum to train and certify threat assessment officers
- A certified threat assessment officer shall conduct an inspection and threat assessment of each public school in the state on an annual basis



Annual Inspection and Threat Assessment

- Once inspected, develop an improvement plan for each school district
- Report the findings of the inspection and threat assessment to local law enforcement agencies and the local school board within 4 weeks of completion



School resource officers

- MCOPS funding may be used to train School Resource Officers
- Must apply by May 31 before the applicable fiscal year



See Something, Say Something

- MDE shall develop and implement a statewide media campaign to prioritize and raise awareness for the See Something, Say Something Act
- Encourage good faith reporting of suspicious activity



Mississippi Analysis and Information Center (Fusion Center)

- Shall employ three additional analysts
- Dedicated to analyzing and resolving potential threats



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