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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anthony Portantino, Chair  
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### AB 2814 (Wood) - Local educational agencies: emergency planning grants

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**Urgency:** No

**Hearing Date:** August 1, 2022

**Policy Vote:** ED. 6 - 0

**Mandate:** No

**Consultant:** Lenin Del Castillo

**Bill Summary:** This bill establishes the Emergency Planning Grant Program to provide competitive grants to local educational agencies (LEAs) for emergency planning activities, upon appropriation of the Legislature.

**Fiscal Impact:** While the provisions of this bill would be contingent upon an appropriation, it could result in one-time Proposition General Fund costs of \$1 million for the state to fund the program.

The California Department of Education (CDE) estimates General Fund costs of approximately \$375,000 over a three-year period and 1.0 position for various administrative functions necessary to administer the competitive grant application process and monitor the grant recipients.

**Background:** Existing law requires each school district or county offices of education to be responsible for the overall development of all comprehensive school safety plans for its schools operating kindergarten or any of grades 1 through 12. It specifies that the schoolsite council or a school safety planning committee is responsible for developing the comprehensive school safety plan.

Existing law requires that the comprehensive school safety plans include an assessment of the current status of school crime committed on school campuses and at school-related functions and identification of appropriate strategies and programs to provide or maintain a high level of school safety and address the school's procedures for complying with existing laws related to school safety, including child abuse reporting procedures; disaster procedures; an earthquake emergency procedure system; policies regarding pupils who commit specified acts that would lead to suspension or expulsion; procedures to notify teachers of dangerous pupils; a discrimination and harassment policy; the provisions of any schoolwide dress code; procedures for safe ingress and egress of pupils, parents, and school employees to and from school; a safe and orderly environment conducive to learning; and rules and procedures on school discipline. The comprehensive school safety plan are to be evaluated at least once a year.

**Proposed Law:** This bill requires the CDE to establish and administer the Emergency Planning Grant Program and award one million dollars in competitive grants to LEAs to support emergency planning activities beginning January 1, 2024.

This bill specifies that the grant funds for emergency planning activities include, but are not limited to, all of the following coordination with local emergency management

systems, climate threat that endangers the LEA, organization of emergency response, and an emergency plan system.

This bill requires LEAs must demonstrate a willingness and ability to collaborate with local city and county emergency response departments, an intention to align the planning activities of this grant with school safety plans as specified in Education Code and have an intention to develop an emergency plan that complies with the standardized emergency management system as specified in Government Code.

This bill requires CDE, among other things, to develop criteria to determine if a LEA faces a significant risk of, or has less capacity to prepare and respond to, climate threats without state assistance and to prioritize grant awards for LEA that face the greatest risk.

This bill provides that an LEA shall dispense with its Emergency Planning grant funds by June 30, 2026.

**Related Legislation:** AB 2072 (Gabriel) requires county offices of education to coordinate agreements between school districts and charter schools within the county to deploy qualified mental health professionals and other key school personnel in the event of a natural disaster or traumatic event. This bill is currently on the Suspense File in this committee.

**Staff Comments:** This bill requires the CDE to award \$1 million in one-time emergency planning grants on a competitive basis to LEAs to support emergency planning activities. The funds can be used for activities that include coordination with local emergency management systems, climate threat that endangers the LEA, organization of emergency response, and an emergency plan system.

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