

# HOUSE BILL NO. 5659

April 24, 2024, Introduced by Reps. Meerman, Breen and DeBoer and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 2018 PA 548, entitled "Comprehensive school safety plan act," by amending the title and section 3 (MCL 28.803) and by adding section 6; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

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TITLE

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An act to create the comprehensive school safety plan act; to

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create the school safety **and mental health** commission and provide

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for its powers and duties; to provide for the powers and duties of

1 certain state and local governmental officers and entities; and to  
2 prohibit divulging certain information and prescribe penalties.

3 Sec. 3. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Commission" means the **following**:

5 **(i) Before December 31, 2024, the school safety commission**  
6 **created ~~in~~ under section 5.**

7 **(ii) Beginning January 1, 2025, the school safety and mental**  
8 **health commission created under section 6.**

9 (b) "Department" means the department of state police.

10 (c) "School" means a public school, nonpublic school, or  
11 public school academy as those terms are defined in section 5 of  
12 the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.5.

13 (d) "School safety liaison" means the individual designated by  
14 a school under section 1241 of the revised school code, 1976 PA  
15 451, MCL 380.1241, to work with the commission.

16 **Sec. 6. (1) Beginning January 1, 2025, the school safety and**  
17 **mental health commission is established within the department.**

18 **(2) The commission must consist of all of the following**  
19 **members who must be appointed by the governor as follows:**

20 (a) One member from a list of 3 or more names submitted by the  
21 minority leader of the house of representatives who has experience  
22 in school mental health.

23 (b) One member from a list of 3 or more names submitted by the  
24 speaker of the house of representatives who has a background in law  
25 enforcement.

26 (c) One member from a list of 3 or more names submitted by the  
27 speaker of the house of representatives who is a parent.

28 (d) One member from a list of 3 or more names submitted by the  
29 speaker of the house of representatives who has experience with

1 special education.

2 (e) One member from a list of 3 or more names submitted by the  
3 senate minority leader who is a school psychologist or  
4 psychiatrist.

5 (f) One member from a list of 3 or more names submitted by the  
6 senate majority leader who is a behavioral health professional or  
7 behavioral psychologist.

8 (g) One member from a list of 3 or more names submitted by the  
9 senate majority leader who is a teacher.

10 (h) One member from a list of 3 or more names submitted by the  
11 senate majority leader who is affiliated with a community based  
12 organization working with youths.

13 (i) One member who has a background in school administration.

14 (j) One member who has experience in school threat  
15 assessments.

16 (k) One member who has experience in the provision of  
17 inpatient treatment to children under age 18.

18 (l) One member who is a current student or recent graduate of a  
19 high school.

20 (3) The following department heads or the department heads'  
21 designees that are from within the respective departments or  
22 agencies may be nonvoting, ex officio members of the commission:

23 (a) The director of the department.

24 (b) The superintendent of public instruction.

25 (c) The director of the department of health and human  
26 services.

27 (4) The governor shall appoint 7 of the first members to 2-  
28 year terms and 5 of the first members to 4-year terms. After the  
29 first appointments, the term of a member of the commission is 4

1 years or until a successor is appointed under subsection (2),  
2 whichever is later.

3 (5) If a vacancy occurs on the commission, an individual must  
4 be appointed in the same manner as prescribed under subsection (2)  
5 to fill the vacancy for the balance of the term.

6 (6) The governor may remove a member of the commission for  
7 incompetence, dereliction of duty, malfeasance, or nonfeasance in  
8 office, or any other good cause.

9 (7) The commission shall meet at least quarterly.

10 (8) A majority of the members of the commission constitutes a  
11 quorum for transacting business. A vote of the majority of the  
12 members of the commission serving is required for any action of the  
13 commission.

14 (9) The commission shall conduct its business in compliance  
15 with the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.

16 (10) A writing that is prepared, owned, used, possessed, or  
17 retained by the commission in performing an official function is  
18 subject to the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231  
19 to 15.246.

20 (11) A member of the commission is not entitled to  
21 compensation for service on the commission, but the commission may  
22 reimburse a member for actual and necessary expenses incurred in  
23 serving.

24 (12) The commission may do all of the following:

25 (a) Collaborate to provide recommendations to reduce youth  
26 suicides and strengthen the mental health of school-aged children,  
27 adolescents, and their families through a comprehensive, statewide  
28 approach.

29 (b) Seek input from educational professionals, mental health

1 professionals, and organizations from across this state to suggest  
2 approaches to identify and support students at risk of behavioral  
3 health issues.

4 (c) Collaborate with the Michigan suicide prevention  
5 commission on recommendations regarding youth suicide.

6 (d) Create and maintain an online community through which best  
7 practices and resources can be shared, and convene symposiums with  
8 other relevant commissions, organizations, and professionals.

9 (e) Convey recommendations to the department of licensing and  
10 regulatory affairs and the bureau of construction codes within the  
11 department of licensing and regulatory affairs concerning building  
12 construction that is consistent with school safety needs.

13 (13) The commission may hire an executive director and staff.

14 (14) Beginning October 30, 2026 and annually each October 30  
15 thereafter, the commission shall prepare and issue an annual report  
16 to the house and senate school aid appropriation committees, the  
17 house and senate standing committees on education, and the house  
18 and senate fiscal agencies detailing its findings, recommendations,  
19 and updates for prior initiatives. The committee shall make the  
20 report filed under this subsection publicly available on the  
21 department's website.

22 Enacting section 1. Section 5 of the comprehensive school  
23 safety plan act, 2018 PA 548, MCL 28.805, is repealed effective  
24 December 31, 2024.