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Legislative Update

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Governor Signs School Safety Bills

This week Governor Whitmer signed seven school safety bills passed by the previous Legislature at the end of 2024.



House Bill 4095 (Public Act 270 of 2024) and **HB 4096** (PA 271 of 2024) require the Michigan Department of State Police (MSP) to formulate a standardized response terminology plan to define terms (e.g., "lockdown" and "shelter in place") and identify when they should be used in a school setting. Schools will be required to adopt and implement the plan.

HB 5549 (PA 272 of 2024), **HB 5659** (PA of 263 of 2024), and **HB 5660** (PA 264 of 2024):

- Require the board of each public school to have a behavior threat assessment and management team
- Eliminate the School Safety Commission and create a new School Safety and Mental Health Commission, to be housed within MSP

HB 5450 (PA 257 of 2024) and **HB 5451** (PA 258 of 2024):

- Require the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to create, by June 1, 2025, a notice containing information and best practices on the storage of firearms
- Require schools to distribute the notice to parents/guardians by October 1, 2025, and October 1 of each year thereafter