



January 28, 2019

Representative Gregory Steuerwald, District 40
Indiana House of Representatives
200 W Washington Street,
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Representative, Steuerwald:

On behalf of the Security Industry Association (SIA), we are writing to express our strong support for IN HB 1225, which enables school districts to utilize the Indiana secured school fund to implement active event warning systems and encourages districts to provide district-wide electronic access to police personnel for facility access in the event of emergencies and access to video security system data from a central location.

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Modern, effective security infrastructure is an essential component of any comprehensive school safety strategy. However, budget constraints, aging facilities and balancing other priorities within the education system are all incredibly difficult issues facing educational institutions today. As addressing security gaps at K-12 schools has become an increasing concern for students, parents, teachers and administrators, we appreciate your leadership on this important issue.

Please let us know if SIA or our members can provide any further information or other assistance needed to support successful enactment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Erickson".

Don Erickson
Chief Executive Officer
Security Industry Association

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Senator Randall Head, District 18
Indiana Senate
200 W Washington Street,
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Senator, Head:

On behalf of the Security Industry Association (SIA), we are writing to express our strong support for IN SB 266, which enables school districts to utilize the Indiana secured school fund to implement active event warning systems and encourages districts to provide district-wide electronic access to police personnel for facility access in the event of emergencies and access to video security system data from a central location.

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