

Committee on Education Pre-K - 12

CS/CS/HB 301 — Emergency Response Mapping Data

by PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee; Choice and Innovation Subcommittee; and Rep. Alvarez and others (CS/SB 212 by Appropriations Committee on Education and Senators Collins, Avila, Burgess, Calatayud, Harrell, and Book)

The bill creates in the Department of Education (DOE) the School Mapping Data Grant Program (grant program) to provide standard emergency response mapping data for public school buildings in this state, in order to assist local first responders in responding to emergencies in public schools. Each school district, in consultation with local law enforcement and public safety agencies, may apply to receive funds from the grant program to provide school mapping for the school district, including charter schools.

The bill requires the entity producing the emergency response mapping data to provide the data to the applicable county, district school board, and the appropriate local, state, and federal public safety agencies for use in response to emergencies or conducting specified drills. The bill specifies minimum requirements for the emergency mapping data.

The bill appropriates \$14 million to the DOE to administer the grant program.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2023.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 116-0