

C38L21 (K-12 Safety/Security Serv)

Budget Language

\$49,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2024 and \$49,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2025 are provided solely for implementation of chapter 38, Laws of 2021 (K-12 safety & security serv.).

Proviso Purpose

This proviso funds data collection activities related to safety and security staff in schools.

OSPI collects staffing data on safety and security staff including how many work in each district, the number of complaints related to job duties and student interactions the district has received for these staff, and copies of agreements districts have with law enforcement or private organizations to provide safety and security staff to the district.

Additionally, OSPI collects data on safety and security staff involvement with students. Districts are required to record and report to OSPI any incident where a safety and security staff member uses force against a student or incident they are involved in that results in either student discipline or student arrest. This data is collected at the student level and includes student demographic data.

Services Provided

OSPI collects the safety and security staff information described above and makes it publicly available as required in statute.

Criteria for Receiving Services/Grants

There is no criteria for receiving services. Any district with safety and security staff must report data to OSPI. OSPI provides an opportunity for every district to report the data as required.

Beneficiaries in the 2024-25 School Year

Number of School Districts:	295
Number of Schools:	N/A
Number of Students:	N/A
Number of Educators:	N/A
Other:	N/A

Are Federal or Other Funds Contingent on State Funding?

No.



State Funding History

Fiscal Year	Amount Funded	Actual Expenditures
2025	\$49,000	\$39,505
2024	\$49,000	\$48,575
2023	\$49,000	\$49,000
2022	\$49,000	\$41,040

Number of Beneficiaries Per Fiscal Year (e.g. School Districts, Schools, Students, Educators, Other)

Fiscal Year	Number of Beneficiaries
2025	295 School Districts
2024	295 School Districts
2023	295 School Districts
2022	295 School Districts

Programmatic Changes Since Inception (If Any)

No changes since inception.

Program(s) Evaluation or Major Findings

Staffing Data

Four years of data on safety and security staffing has been collected annually, since the 2021-22 school year.

In the 2024-25 school year, 144 school districts reported having one or more safety & security staff working in their district, down from 145 districts in 2023-24. In 2024-25, these 144 districts reported having a total of 960 safety and security staff members, up from 916 in 2023-24.

In the 2024-25 school year, 103 school districts submitted 122 contracts/agreements with law enforcement or private organizations for the provision of safety and security staff. In the 2024-25 school year, 24 districts reported a total of 35 complaints that had been filed against their safety and security staff.

Instructions on how to access safety and security staffing data can be found on the [School Safety and Security Staff](#) page of OSPI's website.

Involvement Data

Data on safety and security staff involvement with students has been collected through CEDARS since the 2022-23 school year. Three types of involvement with students are collected:

Involvement in incidents where a student received exclusionary discipline; involvement in an incident where a student was arrested; and any incident where a safety or security staff member

uses force against a student. The most recent year of published data is from the 2023-24 school year.

In the 2023-24 school year, 143 school districts reported 10,850 total incidents (with 7,118 distinct students) where safety and security staff were involved. This was up from 8,511 total incidents reported in 2022-23.

Published data on safety and security staff involvement with students can be downloaded from the [School Safety and Security Staff](#) page of OSPI's website. Data on safety and security staff involvement with students in the 2024-25 school year should be available around January of 2026.

Major Challenges Faced by Program(s)

For the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years, OSPI identified that districts had different understandings on when to report safety and security staff involvement with restraint and isolation incidents. For these years, the data may represent overreported safety and security staff involvement with these types of incidents. OSPI has taken steps to label incidents associated with restraint and isolation in the published data, along with providing data notes in the published 2023-24 data file. OSPI has also revised the reporting and program guidance to improve reporting consistency moving forward.

Future Opportunities

There is currently no way for the data collected under ESHB 1214 to be linked at the staff level. Data on training (held by the ESDs), complaints about safety and security staff, and data on staff involvement with students could all be connected at the staff level to provide more nuanced information on the behavior and impact of these staff. It would also give us a better idea of the impact of the training requirements. However, implementing a data collection system that links all of these components would be a large undertaking and require a legislative directive with commensurate funding and OSPI resources beyond this proviso. Adding these requirements to the data collection would increase the administrative burden on school districts.

Other Relevant Information

N/A

Schools/Districts Receiving Assistance

[Click here to see a list of all OSPI grant recipients in the 2025 Fiscal Year.](#)

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