

# Bill to Improve School Security Heads to Senate

**JUNE 23, 2018** -- Legislation to help public schools pay for upgraded security cleared the House of Representatives this week.

Sponsored by State Reps. Danny Short, R-Seaford & Kevin Hensley, R-Townsend, Odessa, Port Penn, [House Substitute 1 for House Bill 335 \(as amended\)](#) would earmark \$5 million to create the Delaware School Safety and Security Fund. The fund would issue one-time state grants to school districts, vocational schools, and charter schools to pay for specified projects or training intended to better protect facilities from intruders.



State Rep. Kevin Hensley

The fund would be administered by the Department of Education and be distributed to the schools proportionally.

Speaking on the floor before the vote, Rep. Hensley said the bill would help make a positive difference and urged his colleagues to support its passage.

The House approved the measure on a unanimous vote, sending it to the Senate for consideration.