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School Safety Grant Program, Sponsored by State Rep. Shawna Bolick, is Now Open for Applications *Aims to Reduce Incidents and Threats on School Campuses*

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – This past legislative session, Arizona State Representative Shawna LM Bolick of Phoenix sponsored [House Bill 2134](#), appropriating \$150,000 to the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) to award school safety grants. ADE has now posted application instructions for this school safety grant pilot program, which is open to public district or charter schools.

Click [here](#) to access the instructions.

“As a mom of a teenager, I know how much our kids rely heavily on technology,” stated Representative Bolick. **“This school safety grant is a small investment in addressing bullying and student safety in our schools. According to a November 2021 [Arizona Child Fatality Review Annual Report](#), bullying is a top reason for children taking their own lives. Teens have told me they have tried to report an incident on their school campus with a trusted adult but were never taken seriously. It is my hope that the responsible use of this technology will lead safer school campuses for our students.”**

Bolick’s school safety legislation came at the request of public safety personnel to reduce on-campus threats, and citizen activists interested in reducing mental health episodes and bullying on our school campuses. Money for the grants, which will enable schools to procure and implement an electronic incident prevention program to reduce incidents and threats on campuses, was included in the most recent budget passed by the Legislature and signed by Governor Ducey.

Bolick noted that Arizona schools have already partnered with several vendors who produce an anonymous incident reporting apps, including [Anonymous Alerts](#), [Gaggle](#), [GoGuardian](#), [STOPit Solutions](#). **“It is my hope that at least 30 more schools/districts will qualify for this program, see its benefits, and report back to the Legislature and ADE on how many threats were reported and prevented with the use of these apps. I anticipate that this grant program will become a permanent tool in the future to make our schools safer,”** she said.

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