



**COLORADO**  
Department of Public Safety

**Executive Director's Office**

**Office of School Safety**

**School Security Disbursement Program**

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**STATEMENT OF BASIS, STATUTORY AUTHORITY, AND PURPOSE**

Pursuant to Senate Bill 23-241, the General Assembly amended section 24-33.5-1810, C.R.S., related to the School Security Disbursement Program ("Program"). Previously, the Program existed within the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. After the passage of Senate Bill 23-241, the Program was relocated to the Office of School Safety within the Executive Director's Office of the Department of Public Safety. Section 24-33.5-1810 (7), C.R.S. mandates that the Executive Director of the Department of Public Safety shall promulgate rules and regulations concerning the administration of the Program and the application criteria and timeframes for applying and for distributing the Program funds.

The General Assembly declared that the Department distribute the money credited to the School Security Disbursement Program account for the disbursement program as quickly as practicable based on the receipt of qualifying applications.

The purpose of this emergency rulemaking is to amend the adopted rules as soon as practicable to correct the eligibility criteria for applicants to better align the rules with statute. Because the statute is necessary for the preservation of public safety, delay in the correction of this eligibility criteria would be contrary to the statutory provisions. The absence of implementing these amended rules to carry out the purpose of the statute would be contrary to this declaration. For these reasons, it is imperatively necessary that the proposed rules be adopted.

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