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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control No.: 760

Department or Agency: Alabama Law Enforcement Agency

Rule No.: Chapter 760-X-7

Rule Title: School Mapping Data Program

Intended Action: New

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? Yes

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved? No

To what degree?: N/A

Is the increase in cost more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? NA

Are all facets of the rule-making process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? Yes

Does the proposed action relate to or affect in any manner any litigation which the agency is a party to concerning the subject matter of the proposed rule? No

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Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Services Agency.

Signature of certifying officer: *Hal Taylor*
Hal Taylor

Date: Monday, October 19, 2026

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ALABAMA LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (Formerly Alabama Department of Public Safety)

RULE NO. & TITLE: Chapter 760-X-7 School Mapping Data Program

INTENDED ACTION: New

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:
This proposed chapter of administrative rules fulfills a mandate of the School Security Act (Act 2024-356), which established a School Mapping Data Program within ALEA. The proposed chapter details the data distribution and security measures ALEA will use to implement the Program's purpose: providing accurate maps of each public K-12 school in the state for use in case of emergency. The chapter also sets forth restrictions and reporting requirements that agencies and users who receive access to school mapping data must follow.

TIME, PLACE AND MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:
The Agency will accept written views until the close of business on December 4, 2026. Written views shall be submitted via email to Joseph.Latham@alea.gov, with the subject line "Comment: School Mapping Proposed Rules."

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:
Friday, December 4, 2026

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to promulgate and adopt
rules or his or her deputy)

ALABAMA LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

CHAPTER 760-X-7
SCHOOL MAPPING DATA PROGRAM

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760-X-7-.00 Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(1) AGENCY. A local, county, state, or federal public safety or education agency. The term includes any entities listed in Rule 760-X-7-.02(1)(a).

(2) ALEA. The Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency.

(3) ALACOP. The secure access platform designated by ALEA for authorized law enforcement users of the School Mapping Data Program.

(4) AGENCY INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICER or AISO. An individual responsible for information security oversight within an agency.

(5) DISTRICT SAFETY COORDINATOR or DSC. An employee designated by a local board of education pursuant to § 16-22B-5, Code of Alabama 1975.

(6) PROGRAM DATA or PD. Data developed, maintained, or distributed under the School Mapping Data Program.

(7) PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT or PSAP. An entity responsible for receiving 911 calls and processing those calls according to a specific operational policy.

(8) SMDP. The School Mapping Data Program established within ALEA pursuant to § 16-22B-4, Code of Alabama 1975.

(9) UNAUTHORIZED SYSTEM. Any information technology system, device, application, or storage environment that has not been approved by the agency for official use, that does not comply with the agency's established information security policies and procedures, or that does not comply with applicable SMDP requirements.

(10) USER. Any individual who obtains access to PD through the SMDP.

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760-X-7-.01 School Mapping Data Program.

(1) **Purpose.**

(a) The School Security Act, §§ 16-22B-1 to 16-22B-6, Code of Alabama 1975, establishes the School Mapping Data Program within ALEA to provide accurate maps of each public K-12 school in the state "for use in case of emergency," § 16-22B-4(a), and contemplates the distribution of school mapping data to other entities, including local boards of education, local law enforcement agencies, and public safety agencies. § 16-22B-4(c). The Act requires ALEA to adopt rules to implement and administer the program. § 16-22B-4(a).

(b) This chapter governs the maintenance, protection, distribution, and authorized use of school mapping data in support of emergency preparedness, emergency response, and school safety operations.

(2) **Data Ownership and Stewardship.**

(a) Program data is the property of ALEA. ALEA will serve as the data steward for PD and will maintain the SMDP as the system of record for official PD.

(b) ALEA shall retain final authority over PD accuracy, validation, modification, distribution controls, privacy protections, program oversight, and user access.

(3) **Confidentiality and Privacy Governance.**

(a) Pursuant to § 16-22B-6(a), Code of Alabama 1975, PD and any information or records used to develop PD are confidential and are not public records.

(b) ALEA will implement and maintain such safeguards as it deems necessary to protect the privacy, confidentiality, integrity, and availability of PD. These safeguards will include the following:

i. Role-based access controls;

ii. Documented need-to-know determinations;

iii. Multi-factor or other secure authentication, when applicable;

iv. Encryption of data in transit and at rest;

v. Access logging, monitoring, and audit capabilities;

vi. Periodic access review and validation;

vii. Timely access-revocation procedures; and

viii. Incident-reporting and response procedures.

(4) **SMDP Guidance Materials.** ALEA may establish manuals, user guides, documents, forms, and additional guidance regarding the operation of the SMDP.

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760-X-7-.02 Distribution of Program Data to Agencies.

(1) **Authorized Recipients and Need-to-Know Standard.**

(a) PD may be provided only to authorized local, county, state, or federal public safety or education agencies, including the following, and only in a manner consistent with applicable law and the need-to-know standard:

i. Local law enforcement agencies;

ii. Career and volunteer fire departments;

iii. PSAPs;

iv. County and state emergency management agencies;

v. State law enforcement agencies;

vi. District Safety Coordinators acting on behalf of local boards of education;

vii. The Alabama State Department of Education;

viii. The State Fire Marshal's Office; and

ix. Other local, county, state, or federal public safety or education agencies approved by ALEA, when authorized by applicable law and when the agency has a defined operational need.

(b) Access to PD is not automatic for any agency or user and must be authorized by the Secretary of ALEA or his or her designee in accordance with this Rule. ALEA shall retain final authority to determine whether a valid operational need to know exists.

(c) ALEA will grant access to PD solely for official purposes related to emergency response, emergency preparedness, emergency training or exercises, school safety planning, operational preparedness, or other public safety purposes authorized by ALEA.

(d) Agencies and users who receive access to PD shall limit their own access and use of PD to the minimum necessary to fulfill the official purposes creating a valid operational need to know.

(e) No agency or user shall access or use PD for personal interest, unrelated research, media use, public dissemination, or unrestricted general purposes unrelated to school safety or emergency response.

(f) Every agency and user shall limit and safeguard printed PD and shall destroy printed PD when it is no longer needed.

(2) **Scope of Access.**

(a) Subject to the requirements of Section 1, ALEA may, in its discretion, grant access to statewide PD to any of the following agencies:

i. Law enforcement agencies.

ii. The State Fire Marshal's Office.

iii. The Alabama State Emergency Management Agency.

iv. The Alabama State Department of Education.

v. Other agencies described in Section 1(a)(ix), if access to statewide PD is consistent with the agency's mission and operational need to know.

(b) Subject to the requirements of Section 1, ALEA may, in its discretion, grant access to limited PD, consistent with the school districts located within the applicable service area of the agency, to any of the following agencies:

i. Career fire service agencies.

ii. Volunteer fire service entities.

iii. PSAPs.

iv. Local emergency management agencies.

v. Other agencies described in Section 1(a)(ix), if access to limited PD is consistent with the agency's mission and operational need to know.

(3) **Access Platforms.** ALEA will use the following methods to provide access to PD for authorized agencies. All access to PD, regardless of platform, remains subject to ALEA authorization.

(a) ALEA may provide an agency with access to PD through Alacop, if the agency has authorized connectivity to Alacop and has an assigned AISO.

(b) If an agency's authorized users do not have access to Alacop, ALEA may provide them with access to PD through an approved web-based Map Viewer platform.

(c) ALEA may provide PD to PSAPs through software platforms used to provide emergency response services.

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760-X-7-.03 Access to Program Data by Agency Users.

(1) **Access Levels.** User access to PD will be tiered and role-based:

(a) Administrative Access. Administrative access will be restricted to ALEA and persons who, through an employment or contractual relationship with ALEA, are authorized to act as system administrators for the SMDP.

(b) District-Level Edit Access. Designated school district personnel may edit approved data elements, such as asset locations, reunification sites, and bus lanes. Structural changes require coordination with ALEA. DSCs shall coordinate access requests and PD communications between the local board of education and ALEA.

(c) Read-Only Access. Most users will receive read-only access. A user with read-only access may view PD but may not alter authoritative data or permanently store changes. Temporary viewing tools, including annotations, are permitted, but only if they do not modify authoritative data.

(2) **District Mapping Administrator.** In addition to designating a DSC pursuant to § 16-22B-5, Code of Alabama 1975, a local board of education may designate a district mapping administrator to manage access requests and data coordination under the supervision of the DSC. The administrator shall not have independent authority to approve access or modify authoritative data.

(3) **Access Control.** Even when an agency is authorized to receive PD pursuant to Rule 760-X-7-.02, PD access is not intended for all personnel within the agency. As provided in this subsection, ALEA, DSCs, or AISOs must determine which individuals have a legitimate operational need for access. ALEA retains final authority over all access decisions.

(a) AISOs shall approve access to PD via Alacop, subject to ALEA oversight, and shall verify operational need-to-know, monitor active users, and revoke access when it is no longer needed.

(b) DSCs shall approve access to PD via the Map Viewer application to career fire-services, volunteer fire-services,

local emergency management personnel, local school administrators and shall verify operational need-to-know, monitor active users, and revoke access when it is no longer needed.

(c) ALEA shall approve Map Viewer access to DSCs, the State Fire Marshal's Office, the Alabama State Department of Education, the Alabama State Emergency Management Agency, PSAPs, and other agencies described in Rule 760-X-7-.02(1)(a)(ix).

(4) **Logging and Reporting.**

(a) User access and activity regarding PD on Alacop and on the Map Viewer application shall be logged and subject to review by ALEA.

(b) ALEA may conduct periodic audits or reviews of agencies' and users' system access, activity, and usage regarding PD.

(c) DSCs and AISOs shall conduct access governance reviews to ensure continued compliance with need-to-know and least-privilege principles, and shall produce and submit to ALEA, by October 15th of each year, an annual report for the period ending August 31st of the same calendar year.

(d) Any suspected or confirmed unauthorized access, misuse, disclosure, distribution, or compromise of PD shall be immediately reported to ALEA. ALEA shall coordinate appropriate investigative, mitigation, and corrective actions in accordance with applicable law.

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760-X-7-.04 Security and Data Protection.

(1) No user shall share his or her access credentials with any other person.

(2) No user shall download PD to an unauthorized system or store PD on an unauthorized system.

(3) No user shall distribute PD in a manner not authorized by ALEA pursuant to this chapter.

(4) A user shall immediately report suspected misuse, unauthorized disclosure, or compromise of PD to ALEA.
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760-X-7-.05 Enforcement.

(1) Any violation of this chapter or occurrence of unauthorized access to PD may result in an administrative investigation by ALEA and the suspension or revocation of agencies' or users' access to PD.

(2) ALEA may refer suspected violations of this chapter or occurrences of unauthorized access to PD to law enforcement or prosecutorial authorities as appropriate. Civil or criminal penalties may apply as provided by applicable law.
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