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SUMMARY REPORT ON REGENT UNIVERSITIES' SECURITY PROTOCOLS

Action Requested: Receive the summary report.

Executive Summary: Governor Culver requested a report for each Regent university regarding the campus security protocols, technologies, prevention and counseling techniques that are currently in place. A comprehensive confidential report was submitted to the Governor on June 22.

As required by SF 588 from the 2007 legislative session, a study is to be conducted detailing these same security protocols but will also need to include recommendations for improvements in campus safety and security as well as comments on arming campus police officers. The legislative study is currently in process and is expected to be brought to the Board prior to the mandated submission date of October 15, 2007.

Summary of Report to Governor

As public universities, there is a responsibility to be open and accessible to the public both physically and philosophically with a commitment to enhancing the safety and security of everyone on the campuses.

The comprehensive documents outline the universities' existing policies, procedures, systems, operations, and early warning systems for identifying and dealing with emotionally distressed individuals; threat assessment and response to potentially violent episodes; public safety response; and emergency communications. Policies address how various campus entities respond to violence and precursors to violence.

The universities have implemented various policies, established numerous committees, enhanced emergency/security response protocols that include:

- Restriction of access to certain buildings
- Extension of law enforcement collaborations
- Specialized training for police/security personnel as well as additional training and guidance for other university faculty and staff
- Multi-jurisdictional disaster exercises
- Installation of security cameras / emergency phones
- Implementation of critical incident management plans to maximize human survival and preserve property, minimize danger, restore normal operations, and assure responsive communications

The Regent university campuses are broad and varied communities. A composite of their demographics includes:

- Enrollment 67,701
- Employment (full & part-time) ~44,000
- Visitors per year more than 2.2 million
- Physical campuses ~5,000 acres
- Number of buildings 455
- Gross square feet 33.4 million
- On-campus housing ~18,000 capacity

Other unique features include one of the largest university-owned teaching hospitals in the nation (SUI) and a pre-K through 12 grade laboratory school with 316 students (UNI).

The comprehensive report details strengths, limitations, and weaknesses of the various procedures. This information is considered highly confidential and is not available to the public per Iowa Code §22.7 (50).