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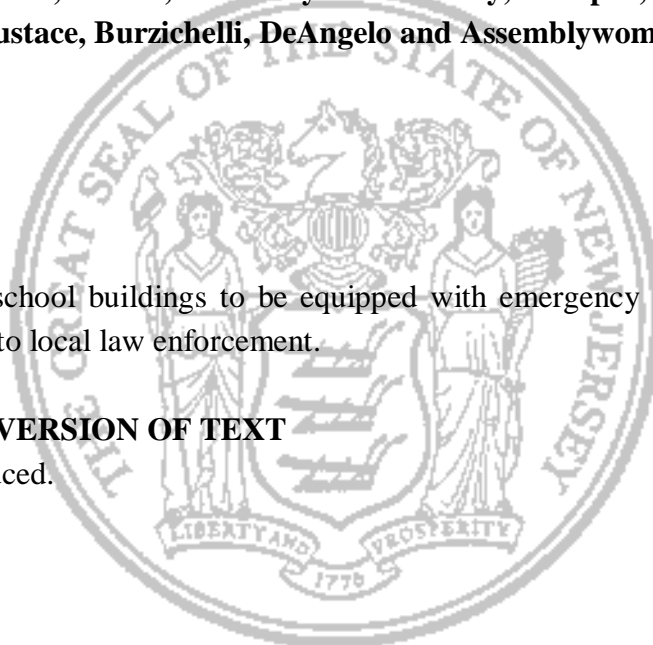
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SYNOPSIS

Requires school buildings to be equipped with emergency light and panic alarm linked to local law enforcement.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning school security alarms and supplementing
2 chapter 41 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. As used in this section:

8 “Emergency light” means a red light that is affixed to the
9 exterior of a school building in a highly visible location above or
10 near the front entrance.

11 “Panic alarm” means a silent security system signal generated by
12 the manual activation of a device intended to signal a life-
13 threatening or emergency situation requiring a response from law
14 enforcement.

15 b. Each public elementary and secondary school building shall
16 be equipped with at least one panic alarm for use in a school
17 security emergency including, but not limited to, a non-fire
18 evacuation, lockdown, or active shooter situation. The alarm shall
19 be directly linked to local law enforcement authorities and shall
20 immediately transmit a signal or message to such authorities upon
21 activation. The alarm shall not be audible within the school
22 building.

23 c. Each public elementary and secondary school building shall
24 be equipped with an emergency light that is linked to the school’s
25 panic alarm and which turns on when the panic alarm is activated.

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27 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the tenth month
28 after enactment.

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STATEMENT

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33 This bill requires that all public elementary and secondary
34 schools be equipped with a panic alarm for use in a school security
35 emergency including, but not limited to, a non-fire evacuation,
36 lockdown, or active shooter situation. The panic alarm, which will
37 not be audible within the school building, must be directly linked to
38 local law enforcement authorities and must immediately transmit a
39 signal or message to the authorities upon activation. The bill
40 defines “panic alarm” as a silent security system signal generated
41 by the manual activation of a device intended to signal a life-
42 threatening or emergency situation that requires a response from
43 law enforcement.

44 The bill also requires that all public elementary and secondary
45 schools be equipped with a red emergency light that is affixed to the
46 exterior of the school building in a highly visible location above or
47 near the front entrance. The emergency light must be linked to the

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- 1 school's panic alarm so that it turns on when the panic alarm is
- 2 activated.