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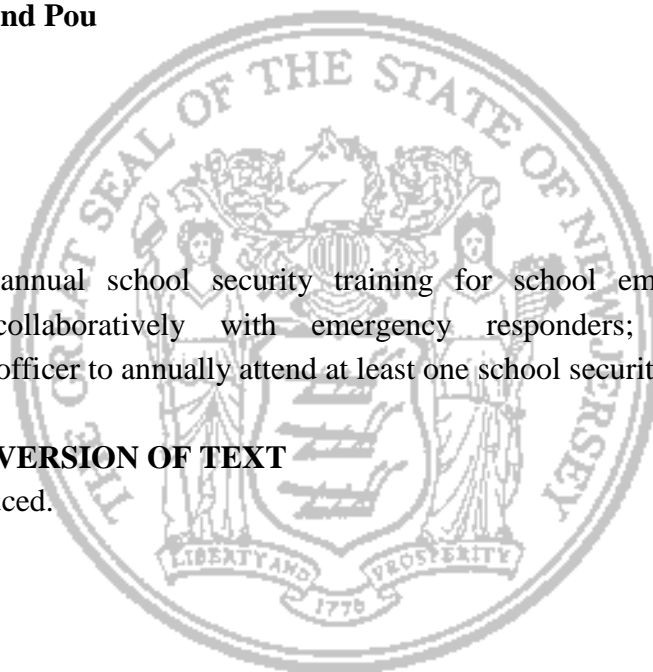
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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires annual school security training for school employees to be conducted collaboratively with emergency responders; requires law enforcement officer to annually attend at least one school security drill.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning school security and amending N.J.S.18A:41-1  
2 and P.L.2009, c.178.

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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. N.J.S.18A:41-1 is amended to read as follows:

8 18A:41-1. Every principal of a school of two or more rooms, or  
9 of a school of one room, when located above the first story of a  
10 building, shall have at least one fire drill and one school security  
11 drill each month within the school hours, including any summer  
12 months during which the school is open for instructional programs,  
13 and shall require all teachers of all schools, whether occupying  
14 buildings of one or more stories, to keep all doors and exits of their  
15 respective rooms and buildings unlocked during the school hours,  
16 except during an emergency lockdown or an emergency lockdown  
17 drill. Where school buildings have been provided with fire escapes,  
18 they shall be used by a part or all of the pupils performing every  
19 fire drill. An actual fire or school security emergency that occurs at  
20 a school during the month and that includes activities which are the  
21 equivalent of a drill shall be considered a drill for the purposes of  
22 meeting the requirements of this section.

23 A law enforcement officer shall be present at a minimum of one  
24 school security drill in each school year in order to make  
25 recommendations on any improvements or changes to school  
26 security drill procedures that the officer may deem advisable.

27 (cf: P.L. 2009, c.178, s.4)

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29 2. Section 1 of P.L.2009, c.178 (C.18A:41-6) is amended to  
30 read as follows:

31 1. As used in this act:

32 "School security drill" means an exercise, other than a fire drill,  
33 to practice procedures that respond to an emergency situation  
34 including, but not limited to, a bomb threat, non-fire evacuation,  
35 lockdown, or active shooter situation and that is similar in duration  
36 to a fire drill.

37 (cf: P.L.2009, c.178, s.1)

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39 3. Section 2 of P.L.2009, c.178 (C.18A:41-7) is amended to  
40 read as follows:

41 2. A local board of education and chief school administrator of  
42 a nonpublic school shall ensure that all full-time **teaching staff**  
43 **members** employees in the district or nonpublic school are  
44 provided with training on school safety and security that includes  
45 instruction on school security drills. The training shall use the drill

**EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **thus** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

1 guide and training materials prepared pursuant to section 3 of  
2 P.L.2009, c.178 (C.App.A:9-86) and shall utilize various formats  
3 such as drills, functional exercises, and tabletop exercises. The  
4 annual training provided to employees shall be conducted  
5 collaboratively by the district or nonpublic school and emergency  
6 responders, including law enforcement, fire, and emergency  
7 medical services personnel, in order to identify weaknesses in  
8 school safety and security policies and procedures and to increase  
9 the effectiveness of emergency responders. [Each teaching staff  
10 member shall be provided with the training within one year of the  
11 effective date of this act or within 60 days of the commencement of  
12 that staff member's employment, whichever date is later.]  
13 (cf: P.L.2009, c.178, s.2)

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15 4. This act shall take effect in the first full school year  
16 following the date of enactment.

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#### STATEMENT

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21 This bill revises current law on school security drills. The bill  
22 provides that all employees in school districts and nonpublic  
23 schools will be provided with annual training on school safety and  
24 security. Under current law such training is only provided once to  
25 certificated staff members. The bill also provides that the training  
26 will be conducted collaboratively by the district or nonpublic school  
27 and emergency responders in order to identify weaknesses in school  
28 safety and security procedures and to increase the effectiveness of  
29 emergency responders.

30 The bill requires that a law enforcement officer be present at a  
31 minimum of one school security drill in each school year in order to  
32 make recommendations on any improvements or changes to school  
33 security drill procedures that the officer may deem advisable.

34 Finally, the bill stipulates that an actual fire or school security  
35 emergency that occurs at a school during the month and that  
36 includes activities which are the equivalent of a drill, will be  
37 considered a drill for the purposes of meeting the required number  
38 of monthly drills.

39 This bill implements recommendations #6 and 22 of the July,  
40 2015 report of the New Jersey School Security Task Force.