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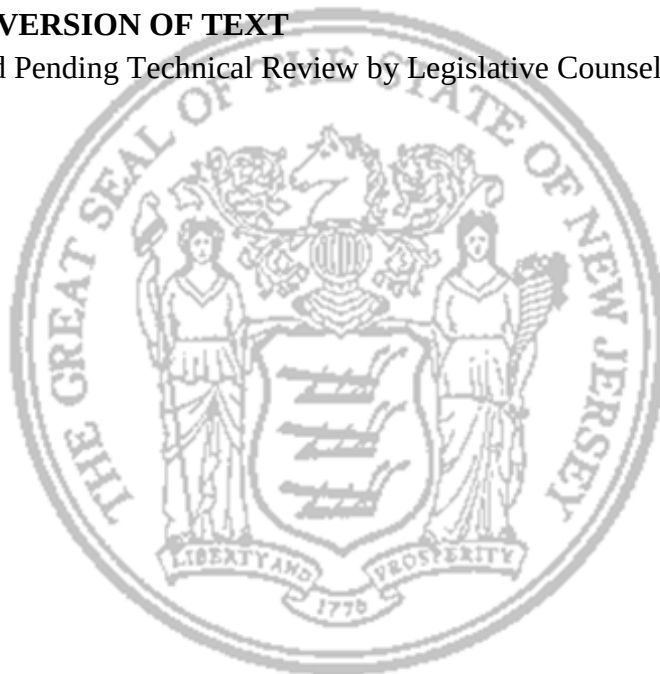
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SYNOPSIS

Establishes “Responsible School Violence Prevention, Preparation, and Protection “Pilot Program” in certain counties and cities of first class; makes an appropriation.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** concerning school violence, supplementing Title 52 of the
2 Revised Statutes, and making an appropriation.

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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. There is established in the Department of Law and Public
8 Safety a three-year “Responsible School Violence Prevention,
9 Preparation, and Protection Pilot Program,” which would train law
10 enforcement officers, mental health professionals, teachers and
11 other school staff, and students to identify and report behaviors that
12 signal potential threats to school safety with the intention of
13 preventing school violence. The pilot program shall be established
14 in the counties of Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Morris,
15 Passaic, and Union and in cities of the first class.

16 b. The Attorney General shall work in collaboration with the
17 Commissioners of Health and Education to accomplish the goals of
18 the pilot program which shall include, but not be limited to, the
19 following:

20 (1) creating a threat assessment measurement tool for use by law
21 enforcement officers, mental health professionals, teachers and
22 other school employees, and students to evaluate a potential threat
23 of school violence;

24 (2) developing a scientifically based school violence threat
25 assessment and management training curriculum concerning the
26 identification of behaviors that indicate a potential risk of school
27 violence and the need to report these behaviors;

28 (3) delivering the school violence threat assessment and
29 management training curriculum to law enforcement officers,
30 mental health professionals, teachers and other school employees,
31 and students;

32 (4) developing an effective mechanism to immediately report an
33 identified threat of school violence; and

34 (5) establishing procedures for addressing and eliminating an
35 identified threat of school violence.

36 c. The Attorney General shall submit to the Governor and to
37 the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-
38 19.1), a report containing an evaluation of the pilot program not
39 more than one year after the implementation of the pilot program,
40 and annually thereafter for a total of three years. The report shall
41 recommend whether the pilot program should be continued as a
42 Statewide program.

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44 2. There shall be appropriated from the general fund such funds
45 as are necessary to implement the provisions and to effectuate the
46 purposes of this act.

STATEMENT

(3) the delivery of the school violence threat assessment and management training curriculum to law enforcement officers,

1 mental health professionals, teachers and other school employees,
2 and students;

3 (4) developing an effective mechanism to immediately report an
4 identified threat of school violence; and

5 (5) establishing procedures for addressing and eliminating an
6 identified threat of school violence.

7 The Attorney General is required to submit to the Governor and
8 the Legislature an annual report containing an evaluation of the
9 pilot program and a recommendation as to whether the pilot
10 program should be continued as a Statewide program.

11 In addition, the bill provides for an appropriation from the
12 general fund in the amount necessary to implement the provisions
13 and effectuate the purposes of the bill.