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SYNOPSIS

Permits school districts to employ safe schools resource officers or Class Three special law enforcement officers for security purposes, and requires school districts to have agreement with local law enforcement governing placement of school security personnel.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning security personnel at public schools and
2 supplementing chapter 41 of Title 18A of the New Jersey
3 Statutes.

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

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8 1. a. A school district may elect to employ a safe schools
9 resource officer or a Class Three special law enforcement officer to
10 provide security services at a school building during the hours when
11 the school is in session.

12 b. The State shall provide the funds necessary for a school
13 district that elects to employ safe schools resource officers or Class
14 Three special law enforcement officers, who are hired after the
15 effective date of this act, pursuant to subsection a. of this section.

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17 2. A school district that employs school security personnel
18 shall enter into a written agreement with the local law enforcement
19 agency to stipulate the terms and conditions governing the
20 placement of the security personnel in school buildings. In the case
21 of a school district located in a municipality in which there is no
22 municipal police department, the district shall enter into a written
23 agreement with an entity designated by the Superintendent of the
24 State Police.

25 The agreement shall include, but not be limited to: the chain of
26 command; roles and responsibilities of school security personnel
27 while on school property; work hours and conditions; required
28 qualifications and experience; channels of communication; required
29 training and continuing professional development; and authority to
30 carry firearms.

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32 3. This act shall take effect immediately and be operative on
33 the first day of the fourth month next following the date of
34 enactment.

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37 STATEMENT

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39 This bill permits public schools to have a safe schools resource
40 officer or a Class Three special law enforcement officer present at
41 the school building to provide security services during the hours
42 that school is in session. Under the bill, the State will fund the
43 costs for a school district that elects to employ safe schools resource
44 officers or Class Three special law enforcement officers who are
45 hired after the bill's effective date.

46 In addition, the bill provides that a school district that employs
47 school security personnel will be required to enter into a written
48 agreement with the local law enforcement agency or an entity

1 designated by the Superintendent of the State Police, as appropriate,
2 to stipulate the terms and conditions governing the placement of the
3 security personnel in school buildings. The agreement will include:
4 the chain of command; roles and responsibilities of school security
5 personnel while on school property; work hours and conditions;
6 required qualifications and experience; channels of communication;
7 required training and continuing professional development; and
8 authority to carry firearms.