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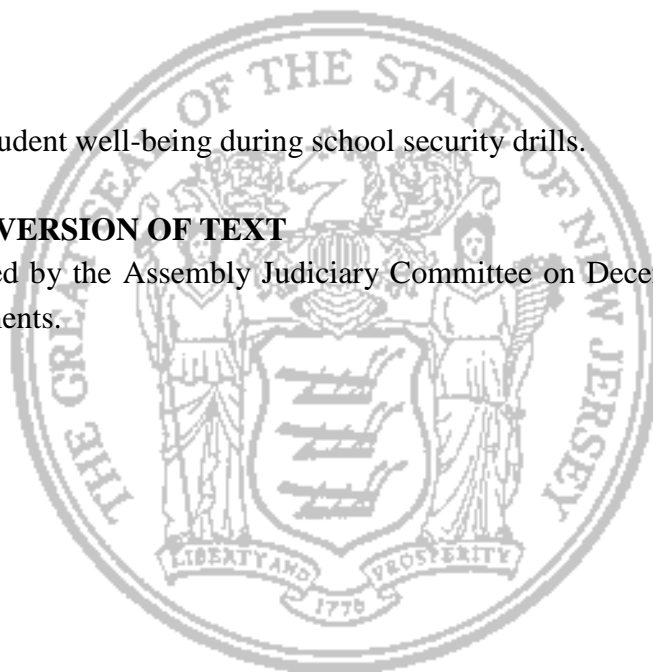
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SYNOPSIS

Ensures student well-being during school security drills.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Judiciary Committee on December 13, 2021,
with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/20/2021)

1 AN ACT concerning school security drills 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. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
8 contrary, a school district shall ensure that a school security drill
9 that occurs when students are present:

10 (1) ¹**[**is conducted only after advance written notice has been
11 provided to staff and the parents and guardians of enrolled students
12 in the district that such a drill has been scheduled;

13 (2) ¹**]** includes clear ¹, developmentally and age-appropriate¹
14 messaging to students and staff ¹at the conclusion of the drill¹ that
15 the event is a drill and that no current danger exists;

16 ¹**[(3) (2)** does not expose students to content or imaging that is
17 not developmentally or age-appropriate;

18 ¹**[(4) (3)** is paired with trauma-informed approaches to address
19 any student inquiries or concerns which may arise as a result of a
20 school security drill;

21 ¹**[(5) (4)** does not include the use of fake blood, real or prop
22 firearms, or the simulations of gun shots, explosions, or other
23 sounds or visuals that may induce panic or a traumatic response
24 from a student or school district employee;

25 ¹**[(6) (5)** does not require a student to role play as a victim, but
26 may include first aid training in which students participate;

27 ¹**[(7)** does not include the presence of emergency personnel who
28 are not typically present at the school during school hours; and

29 (8) ¹**(6)** is accessible to students with disabilities and mental
30 health conditions, and provides all necessary accommodations for
31 these students.

32 b. ¹A school district shall provide written notification to the
33 parent or guardian of a student enrolled in the district following
34 completion of a school security drill, which notice shall be provided
35 to the parent or guardian by no later than the end of the school day
36 on which the school security drill is conducted.

37 c.¹A school district may permit emergency personnel access to
38 the buildings and grounds of its schools for school security drills
39 that are scheduled outside of school hours and during such times as
40 students are not present.

41 ¹**[c.] d.**¹ A school district shall review and update its school
42 security drill procedures ¹**[every three years]**¹ using a process that
43 ¹coincides with the review of the school safety and security plan

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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AJU committee amendments adopted December 13, 2021.

1 developed pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:16-5.1 and¹ collects input from
2 emergency personnel, parents and guardians of students enrolled in
3 the district, teachers and staff employed in the district, mental
4 health professionals, and student government representatives from
5 multiple grade levels.

6 ¹~~【d.】~~ e.¹ A school district shall annually track data on ¹~~【the~~
7 efficacy and the effects of the school security drills, including¹~~】~~
8 such measures and information as are required by the Commissioner
9 of Education, and shall report the data to the commissioner.

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11 2. This act shall take effect immediately.