

SENATE, No. 266

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SYNOPSIS

Directs Attorney General to provide annual training to public and nonpublic school students and staff on roles and responsibilities before, during, and after school emergencies.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning school security training for public and
2 nonpublic school students and staff and amending P.L.2009,
3 c.178.

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

10 2. a. A local board of education and chief school administrator
11 of a nonpublic school shall ensure that all full-time employees in
12 the district or nonpublic school are provided with training on school
13 safety and security that includes instruction on school security
14 drills. The training shall use the drill guide and training materials
15 prepared pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2009, c.178 (C.App.A:9-86)
16 and shall utilize various formats such as drills, functional exercises,
17 and tabletop exercises. The annual training provided to employees
18 shall be conducted collaboratively by the district or nonpublic
19 school and emergency responders, including law enforcement, fire,
20 and emergency medical services personnel, in order to identify
21 weaknesses in school safety and security policies and procedures
22 and to increase the effectiveness of emergency responders.

23 b. The Office of the Attorney General, in conjunction with the
24 Department of Education, shall provide annual training, including
25 current best practices, to all employees and students of public and
26 nonpublic schools on the roles and responsibilities of students and
27 staff before, during, and after a school emergency. A school
28 emergency shall include lockdowns, bomb threat evacuations,
29 active shooter incidents, and other identifiable threats.

30 The training required pursuant to this subsection shall be
31 provided in a face-to-face format on a regional basis and shall also
32 be available online. The training shall include information on: the
33 establishment of an incident command system; multi-hazard
34 emergency planning for schools; and options-based response
35 protocols that provide options beyond the standard school
36 lockdown.

37 The Department of Education shall annually disseminate to
38 school districts and nonpublic schools a calendar that details the
39 dates, times, and regional locations where the training shall be
40 provided and information on the training that may be accessed
41 online.

42 (cf: P.L.2016, c.80, s.3)

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44 2. This act shall take effect in the first full school year
45 following the date of enactment.

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.

STATEMENT

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3 This bill directs the Office of the Attorney General, in
4 conjunction with the Department of Education, to provide annual
5 training, including current best practices, to all employees and
6 students of public and nonpublic schools on the roles and
7 responsibilities of students and staff before, during, and after a
8 school emergency. A school emergency will include lockdowns,
9 bomb threat evacuations, active shooter incidents, and other
10 identifiable threats. The training must be provided in a face-to-face
11 format on a regional basis and must also be made available online.
12 The bill directs the Department of Education to annually
13 disseminate to school districts and nonpublic schools a calendar that
14 details the dates, times, and regional locations where the training
15 will be provided, and information on the training that may be
16 accessed online.