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**SYNOPSIS**

Ensures student well-being during school security drills.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As amended by the Senate on December 2, 2021.



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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) <sup>2</sup>**[is conducted only after advance written notice has been**  
11 **provided to staff** <sup>1</sup>**[and the parents and guardians of enrolled**  
12 **students in the district]** <sup>1</sup> that such a drill has been scheduled;

13 (2) <sup>2</sup>**[** includes clear <sup>2</sup>, developmentally and age-appropriate<sup>2</sup>  
14 messaging to students and staff <sup>2</sup>at the conclusion of the drill<sup>2</sup> that  
15 the event is a drill and that no current danger exists;

16 <sup>2</sup>**[(3)]** <sup>(2)</sup><sup>2</sup> does not expose students to content or imaging that is  
17 not developmentally or age-appropriate;

18 <sup>2</sup>**[(4)]** <sup>(3)</sup><sup>2</sup> 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 <sup>2</sup>**[(5)]** <sup>(4)</sup><sup>2</sup> 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 <sup>2</sup>**[(6)]** <sup>(5)</sup><sup>2</sup> does not require a student to role play as a victim, but  
26 may include first aid training in which students participate; <sup>1</sup>and<sup>1</sup>

27 <sup>2</sup>**[(7)]** <sup>(6)</sup><sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>**[does not include the presence of emergency**  
28 **personnel who are not typically present at the school during school**  
29 **hours; and**

30 (8) <sup>1</sup> is accessible to students with disabilities and mental  
31 health conditions, and provides all necessary accommodations for  
32 these students.

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

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

42 <sup>1</sup>**[c.]** d.<sup>1</sup> A school district shall review and update its school  
43 security drill procedures <sup>2</sup>**[every three years]**<sup>2</sup> using a process that

**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:**

<sup>1</sup>Senate SED committee amendments adopted November 8, 2021.

<sup>2</sup>Senate floor amendments adopted December 2, 2021.

1 <sup>2</sup>coincides with the review of the school safety and security plan  
2 developed pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:16-5.1 and<sup>2</sup> collects input from  
3 emergency personnel, parents and guardians of students enrolled in  
4 the district, teachers and staff employed in the district, mental  
5 health professionals, and student government representatives from  
6 multiple grade levels.

7 <sup>1</sup>**[d.] e.**<sup>1</sup> A school district shall annually track data on <sup>1</sup>**[the**  
8 efficacy and the effects of the school security drills, including **]**<sup>1</sup>  
9 such measures and information as are required by the Commissioner  
10 of Education, and shall report the data to the commissioner.

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12 2. This act shall take effect immediately.