SENATE, No. 4309

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

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Sponsored by:
Senator PAUL A. SARLO
District 36 (Bergen and Passaic)

SYNOPSIS

Awards school security project grants under "Securing Our Children's Future Fund" for certain school districts; appropriates $5,150,531.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.

AN ACT concerning project grants under the "Securing Our Children's Future Fund" for school security projects in certain school districts and making an appropriation.

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

1. a. There is appropriated from the "Securing Our Children's Future Fund," established pursuant to section 13 of P.L.2018, c.119, to the Department of Education the sum of $5,150,531 to provide grants for school security projects in New Jersey's school districts. Project grants shall be approved in the amounts set forth in subsection b. of this section.

b. Project grants shall be awarded in the amounts as follows:

(1) $33,785 to the Bergen County Special Services School District in Bergen County;

(2) $31,890 to the Carlstadt-East Rutherford Regional High School District in Bergen County;

(3) $144,169 to the Elmwood Park School District in Bergen County;

(4) $66,603 to the Park Ridge School District in Bergen County;

(5) $195,484 to the Teaneck School District in Bergen County;

(6) $20,000 to the Beverly City School District in Burlington County;

(7) $27,580 to the Mansfield Township School District in Burlington County;

(8) $120,524 to the Maple Shade School District in Burlington County;

(9) $20,000 to the New Hanover Township School District in Burlington County;

(10) $16,653 to Berlin Township School District in Camden County;

(11) $25,035 to Clementon Elementary School District in Camden County;

(12) $119,721 to Collingswood Public School District in Camden County;

(13) $20,000 to Laurel Springs School District in Camden County;

(14) $4,500 to Lawnside School District in Camden County;

(15) $20,000 to Oaklyn Public School District in Camden County;

(16) $26,289 to Somerdale School District in Camden County;

(17) $38,750 to Waterford Township School District in Camden County;

(18) $73,761 to Lower Cape May Regional School District in Cape May County;

(19) $25,913 to Hopewell Township School District in Cumberland County;

(20) $20,000 to Essex Regional Educational Services Commission in Essex County;

(21) $154,755 to Essex County Schools of Technology in Essex County;

(22) $20,000 to Essex Fells School District in Essex County;

(23) $352,329 to Irvington Public School District in Essex County;

(24) $184,230 to Livingston Board of Education School District in Essex County;

(25) $377,768 to Montclair Public School District in Essex County;

(26) $228,171 to Nutley Public School District in Essex County;

(27) $20,000 to East Newark School District in Hudson County;

(28) $2,949 to Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission in Hunterdon County;

(29) $191,033 to Ewing Township School District in Mercer County;

(30) $24,819 to Cranbury Township School District in Middlesex County;

(31) $128,387 to Metuchen Public School District in Middlesex County;

(32) $20,000 to Atlantic Highlands School District in Monmouth County;

(33) $55,460 to Millstone Township School District in Monmouth County;

(34) $20,000 to Neptune City School District in Monmouth County;

(35) $205,044 to Neptune Township School District in Monmouth County;

(36) $189,594 to Township of Ocean School District in Monmouth County;

(37) $25,305 to Shrewsbury Borough School District in Monmouth County;

(38) $28,078 to Union Beach Public School District in Monmouth County;

(39) $93,869 to Morris County Vocational School District in Morris County;

(40) $261,862 to Randolph Township School District in Morris County;

(41) $49,699 to Salem County Vocational Technical School District in Salem County;

(42) $382,358 to Franklin Township Public School District in Somerset County;

(43) $267,839 to Montgomery Township School District in Somerset County;

(44) $20,000 to Stanhope School District in Sussex County;

(45) $54,378 to Sussex-Wantage Regional School District in Sussex County;

(46) $38,898 to Wallkill Valley Regional High School District in Sussex County;

(47) $218,811 to Cranford Public School District in Union County;

(48) $20,172 to Garwood Boro School District in Union County;

(49) $23,012 to Allamuchy Township School District in Warren County;

(50) $20,000 to Alpha Borough School District in Warren County;

(51) $23,356 to Blairstown Elementary Township School District in Warren County;

(52) $20,000 to Franklin Township School District in Warren County;

(53) $16,182 to Frelinghuysen Township School District in Warren County;

(54) $34,329 to Great Meadows Regional School District in Warren County;

(55) $1,549 to Hope Township School District in Warren County;

(56)$38,554 to Lopatcong Township School District in Warren County;

(57) $31,416 to Mansfield Township Elementary School District in Warren County;

(58) $210,810 to Phillipsburg School District in Warren County;

(59) $20,000 to Pohatcong Township School District in Warren County; and

(60) $24,858 to Washington Borough School District in Warren County.

2. The expenditure of sums appropriated by this act shall be subject to the provisions and conditions of the "Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act," P.L.2018, c.119.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill appropriates a total of $5,150,531 from the "Securing Our Children's Future Fund" to the Department of Education (DOE) to provide grants for school security projects in New Jersey school districts.

Under the "Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act," P.L.2018, c.119, a total of $500 million in general obligation bonds was authorized to be allocated as grants for the costs of career and technical education expansion grants, school security projects, and school district water infrastructure improvement grants. These

bond funds were approved by New Jersey voters on November 6, 2018.

Of the total $500 million amount, $75 million was dedicated for grants to school districts to support the costs of complying with P.L.2019, c.33, commonly referred to as "Alyssa's Law," and for select other infrastructure improvements prescribed in current State law after certification of compliance with Alyssa's Law. Under Alyssa's Law, each public elementary and secondary school building is required to be equipped with at least one panic alarm or approved alternative emergency mechanism for use in a school security emergency. The law provides that a portion of the proceeds of the bonds authorized to be issued to fund school security under the "Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act" will fund the full cost of the panic alarms or the alternative emergency mechanisms.