

P.L.2016, CHAPTER 79, *approved December 5, 2016*
Assembly, No. 3348 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning public school facilities and supplementing
2 P.L.2000, c.72 (C.18A:7G-1 et al.).

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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. In the case of new school construction undertaken by a
8 district or the development authority, in addition to the Best
9 Practices Standards for Schools under Construction or Being
10 Planned for Construction set forth by the Department of Community
11 Affairs, the district or the development authority, as applicable,
12 shall provide in the architectural design for the new construction
13 that:

14 (1) wherever possible, a building site shall be chosen with
15 adequate space to accommodate bus and vehicular traffic separately
16 and permit additional space for the proper evacuation of occupants;

17 (2) wherever possible, bus drop-off/pick-up areas shall be
18 separated from other vehicular drop-off/pick-up areas;

19 (3) wherever possible, pedestrian routes shall be separated from
20 vehicular routes, and crossing of the two shall be minimized;

21 (4) the number of anterior doors shall be kept to a minimum as
22 necessary to satisfy operational considerations and meet code
23 requirements, and wherever possible exterior door hardware shall
24 be eliminated from doors that are intended only for emergency
25 egress;

26 (5) there is a single public entrance to be used during the school
27 day which shall be equipped with a security vestibule with interior
28 doors that must be released by school security or other staff. The
29 district or development authority shall give consideration to
30 providing bullet resistant glazing in the interior vestibule doors and
31 windows;

32 (6) all marked entrances shall conform to a uniform numbering
33 system in order to assist emergency responders in locating
34 particular areas. The principal's office shall have a secondary exit;

35 (7) interior door locks on spaces that will serve as safe havens
36 during lockdowns shall have a keyless locking mechanism;

37 (8) new school buildings shall be provided with access control
38 systems which allow for remote locking and unlocking of all
39 building access doors; and

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 AED committee amendments adopted March 3, 2016.

- 1 (9) new school buildings shall be designed and built in such a
2 manner that areas intended for public use may be separated and
3 secured from all other areas.
- 4 b. In the case of new school construction undertaken by a
5 district or the development authority, and in the case of existing
6 school buildings, a district or the development authority, as
7 applicable, shall:
 - 8 (1) employ the Crime Prevention through Environmental Design
9 principles;
 - 10 (2) require security personnel to be in uniform;
 - 11 (3) make driveways one way, if possible, that lead to a clearly
12 marked visitor parking area. STOP signs and other traffic calming
13 devices shall be used to keep vehicles at a reasonable speed;
 - 14 (4) place bollards along the roadway or curb line in front of the
15 school to prevent vehicles from gaining access to exterior walls,
16 windows, and doors, or in areas of the property where vehicles are
17 prohibited;
 - 18 (5) clearly mark the school's main entrance and make it easily
19 visible and recognizable;
 - 20 (6) limit the number of doors for access by staff;
 - 21 (7) lock exterior doors, and when they are in use for a large
22 entry/exit provide that they are staffed and monitored;
 - 23 (8) utilize an access control system with remote unlocking
24 features, an intercom, and fixed cameras at the school's main
25 entrance and for other entrances as funding permits;
 - 26 (9) clearly mark all entrances with a numerical sequence to
27 allow for specific response by police, fire, and emergency medical
28 services responders;
 - 29 (10) maintain a parking decal or tag system for all staff and
30 students who park on campus in order to easily identify
31 unauthorized vehicles on the property;
 - 32 (11) locate enclosures for utilities that are outside a school
33 building away from the building to ensure that they do not provide
34 roof access;
 - 35 (12) provide adequate and properly maintained lighting around
36 the buildings and parking lots;
 - 37 (13) if funding, staffing, and site approval are possible, provide a
38 guard shack and gate on the school campus as an effective
39 perimeter control;
 - 40 (14) where the footprint of the school allows, and if funding is
41 available, create secure vestibules at the main entrance of the school
42 building. The exterior door entrance to the school shall allow
43 access by a visitor only to the vestibule and the doors to the
44 remainder of the building shall be locked;
 - 45 (15) adopt school district policies and procedures to clearly
46 indicate that propping open doors is strictly prohibited, and that
47 students and staff shall not open a door for anyone. All persons
48 seeking entry to the building shall be directed to the main entrance;

1 (16) use surveillance cameras as a target-hardening tool;

2 (17) provide a dedicated server and generator for security
3 systems, such as access control and surveillance cameras, in order
4 to secure information and ensure efficient operation in an
5 emergency;

6 (18) use ballistic or shatter resistant film for glass entrance door
7 sidelights and other vulnerable first floor areas; and

8 (19) maintain a strict key distribution protocol that requires staff
9 to sign for keys and return them at the end of each school year.

10 ¹c. The commissioner, in consultation with the development
11 authority, may revise the architectural design standards for new
12 school construction established pursuant to subsection a. of this
13 section and the standards for new school construction and existing
14 school buildings established pursuant to subsection b. of this
15 section, to reflect new recommendations or changes in best
16 practices for school security.¹

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18 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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24 Requires certain school security measures to be incorporated in
25 architectural design of new school construction and certain school
security measures for existing buildings.