

P.L.2017, CHAPTER 162, *approved July 21, 2017*
Assembly, No. 3347 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning school safety and supplementing chapter 17 of
2 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. There is established in the Department of Education the
8 New Jersey School Safety Specialist Academy. It shall be the
9 purpose of the academy to serve as a central repository for best
10 practices, training standards, and compliance oversight in all
11 matters regarding school safety and security, including prevention
12 efforts, intervention efforts, and emergency preparedness planning.
13 The academy shall: provide ¹ free of charge,¹ ongoing professional
14 development on national and State best practices, as well as the
15 most current resources on school safety and security; assume a lead
16 role in setting the vision for school safety and security in the State;
17 and provide a coordinated and interdisciplinary approach to
18 providing technical assistance and guidance to schools throughout
19 the State.

20 b. The academy shall develop and implement a School Safety
21 Specialist Certification Program. A school safety specialist
22 appointed pursuant to section 2 of this act shall be required to
23 acquire the certification. The certification program shall provide
24 training ¹ free of charge,¹ to newly-appointed school safety
25 specialists in the areas of bullying, hazing, truancy, Internet safety,
26 emergency planning, emergency drills, drugs, weapons, gangs and
27 school policing, and any other areas deemed necessary by the
28 academy. The academy shall also offer annual training sessions for
29 certified school safety specialists. The academy shall develop
30 training modules in both traditional and online formats.

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32 2. The superintendent in each school district shall designate a
33 ²school administrator as a² school safety specialist for the district. The
34 school safety specialist shall: be responsible for the supervision and
35 oversight for all school safety and security personnel, policies, and
36 procedures in the school district; ensure that these policies and
37 procedures are in compliance with State law and regulations; and
38 provide the necessary training and resources to school district staff in
39 matters relating to school safety and security. The school safety

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.

²Senate SED committee amendments adopted June 20, 2016.

1 specialist shall also serve as the school district liaison with local law
2 enforcement and national, State, and community agencies and
3 organizations in matters of school safety and security.

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5 3. This act shall take effect on the 180th day after the date of
6 enactment.

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12 Establishes New Jersey School Safety Specialist Academy in
13 Department of Education and requires school districts to designate
school safety specialist.