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SYNOPSIS

Requires board of education to enter into agreement with law enforcement authorities regarding access to live video streams of public school buildings.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT concerning access to school surveillance equipment by law
2 enforcement authorities and supplementing chapter 41 of Title
3 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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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. a. If at least one school building of a school district is
9 equipped with video surveillance equipment that is capable of
10 streaming live video wirelessly to a remote location, the board of
11 education shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with
12 local law enforcement authorities providing the authorities with the
13 capacity to activate the equipment and view live streaming video.
14 The memorandum of understanding shall include, but need not be
15 limited to, the following:

16 (1) the designation of individuals who shall be authorized to
17 view live streaming video;

18 (2) the circumstances under which the designated individuals
19 would view live streaming video; and

20 (3) a detailed plan for preventing and detecting unauthorized
21 access to live streaming video.

22 b. In the case of a school building that is located in a
23 municipality in which there is no municipal police department, the
24 board shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with an
25 entity designated by the Superintendent of the State Police.

26 c. A board shall enter into the memorandum of understanding
27 no later than 180 days following the effective date of this act.

28 d. Nothing in this section shall be construed as to require the
29 installation of video surveillance equipment capable of streaming
30 live video wirelessly to a remote site.

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32 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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35 STATEMENT

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37 This bill requires that if a school building of a school district is
38 equipped with video surveillance equipment that is capable of
39 wirelessly streaming live video to a remote location, the board of
40 education must enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU)
41 with local law enforcement authorities giving the authorities the
42 ability to activate the equipment and view live streaming videos. In
43 the case of a school building located in a municipality that does not
44 have a municipal police department, then the board would enter into
45 the MOU with an entity designated by the Superintendent of the
46 State Police. The MOU would designate the individuals who would
47 have access to the live streaming video, the circumstances under
48 which the individuals would be authorized to access the video, and

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- 1 a plan for preventing and detecting unauthorized access. The bill
- 2 would not require the installation of video surveillance equipment
- 3 that has the capacity to wirelessly stream video to a remote location.