

ASSEMBLY, No. 4334

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

218th LEGISLATURE

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Sponsored by:
Assemblyman ANTHONY M. BUCCO
District 25 (Morris and Somerset)

SYNOPSIS

Authorizes county sheriff to appoint Class Three special law enforcement officer to provide security at county community college or vocational school.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning Class Three special law enforcement officers
2 and supplementing P.L.2013, c.21 (C.40A:9-117b 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. For the purposes of P.L.1985, c.439 (C.40A:14-146.8 et
8 seq.), a county sheriff shall be entitled to act as a local unit, as
9 defined in subsection c. of section 2 of P.L.1985, c.439 (C.40A:14-
10 146.9), to appoint Class Three special law enforcement officers for
11 the purposes set forth in subsection b. of this section.

12 b. Class Three special law enforcement officers appointed
13 pursuant to subsection a. of this section may be authorized to
14 provide security at a county community college or county
15 vocational school on the premises of the college or school during
16 hours when the college or school normally is in session or when it
17 is occupied by students, teachers, or professors. While on duty in
18 the jurisdiction of employment, an officer may respond to offenses
19 or emergencies off the premises of the college or school when the
20 offense or emergency occurs in the officer's presence or when it
21 occurs while the officer is traveling to a school or college, but an
22 officer shall not otherwise be dispatched or dedicated to any
23 assignment off college or school property.
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25 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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28 STATEMENT 29

30 This bill authorizes county sheriffs to appoint Class Three
31 special law enforcement officers to provide security at county
32 community colleges or county vocational schools.

33 P.L.2016, c.68 established an additional category of "Class
34 Three" special law enforcement officers under the Special Law
35 Enforcement Officers' Act. The law currently authorizes a local
36 unit to appoint these part-time officers to provide security in this
37 State's public and nonpublic schools and county colleges. A local
38 unit is defined as "any municipality or county having established a
39 regular police force pursuant to law." A person is eligible to be
40 appointed as a Class Three special law enforcement officer if he or
41 she is a retired police officer, less than 65 years old, and has served
42 as duly qualified, fully-trained, full-time municipal or county police
43 officer or was regularly employed as a full-time member of the
44 State Police. The person also has to be physically capable of
45 performing the job and have the appropriate law enforcement and
46 safe schools resource officer training.

47 Under this bill, county sheriffs would be authorized to act as a
48 local unit to appoint Class Three special law enforcement officer to

1 provide security at a county community college or county
2 vocational school while on the premises of the college or school
3 during hours when the college or school normally is in session or
4 when it is occupied by students, teachers, or professors. While on
5 duty in the jurisdiction of employment, an officer may respond to
6 offenses or emergencies off the premises of the college or school
7 only if the offense or emergency occurs in the officer's presence or
8 while traveling to a school or college. A Class Three officer shall
9 not otherwise be dispatched or dedicated to any assignment off
10 college or school property.