

# ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 154

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**SYNOPSIS**

Urges Attorney General and Department of Education to regularly update “Law Enforcement Directive No. 2007-1” and “School Safety and Security Manual: Best Practices Guidelines.”

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** urging the Attorney General and the  
2 Department of Education to update certain school security  
3 guidance documents.  
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5 **WHEREAS**, Ensuring a safe and protected learning environment for our  
6 State’s school children is of paramount importance; and  
7 **WHEREAS**, In the last several years, various State agencies, task  
8 forces, and committees have issued reports and other documents  
9 containing recommendations and guidance designed to improve the  
10 safety and security of New Jersey’s schools; and  
11 **WHEREAS**, In September 2004, the New Jersey Department of  
12 Education issued the “School Safety and Security Manual: Best  
13 Practices Guidelines” to assist schools in establishing security  
14 measures including, but not limited to, convening school planning  
15 teams; developing protocols for school building access control;  
16 implementing school perimeter security measures; collaborating  
17 with local law enforcement and government officials; and updating  
18 school communications procedures and emergency plans; and  
19 **WHEREAS**, The School Safety and Security Manual: Best Practices  
20 Guidelines was updated and expanded in 2007 to incorporate  
21 information on additional security topics, including site-specific  
22 vulnerability assessments, target hardening and mitigation  
23 measures, communication protocols, crisis response, and gang  
24 awareness; and  
25 **WHEREAS**, In July 2007, the Attorney General of New Jersey issued  
26 “Law Enforcement Directive No. 2007-1,” which required every  
27 law enforcement agency in the State to maintain policies and  
28 procedures to enhance school security and safety in the subject  
29 areas of bomb threats, active shooter response, school lockdowns,  
30 school evacuations, and public information; and  
31 **WHEREAS**, Following the issuance of Law Enforcement Directive No.  
32 2007-1, model policies in each of the subject areas were distributed  
33 to law enforcement agencies to assist them in implementing the  
34 directive; and  
35 **WHEREAS**, The Department of Education’s School Safety and Security  
36 Manual: Best Practices Guidelines and the Attorney General’s Law  
37 Enforcement Directive No. 2007-1 have not been subject to any  
38 significant review or revision since 2007; and  
39 **WHEREAS**, Given the vital importance of school safety and security in  
40 today’s age, it is prudent for these documents to reflect the most  
41 current information on best practices in school security for both  
42 school personnel and law enforcement; and  
43 **WHEREAS**, Ensuring that law enforcement officials and school  
44 personnel are equipped with up-to-date information on best  
45 practices for school security will assist in the prevention and  
46 mitigation of school safety emergencies, as well as improving  
47 response times when an emergency does occur; now, therefore,

