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SYNOPSIS

Requires school districts to implement policy mandating all students and school employees have identification cards.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning school security and supplementing chapter 36
2 of 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. Each school district shall develop and implement a policy
8 requiring all teachers, school administrators, and other school
9 employees to have a school identification card which is clearly
10 visible at all times while the employee is in a school building when
11 school is in session.

12 b. The Commissioner of Education shall develop guidelines
13 concerning the information to be included on the identification card
14 required pursuant to subsection a. of this section. The information
15 shall include, but need not be limited to, the employee's name,
16 position or affiliation with the school or school district, an up-to-
17 date photograph, and the current school year.

18 The policy shall ensure that the school identification card of any
19 teacher, school administrator, or other school employee who resigns
20 or is terminated from employment with the school district is
21 returned to the district.

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23 2. a. Each school district shall develop and implement a policy
24 requiring all students to have a school identification card which is
25 clearly visible at all times while the student is in a school building
26 when school is in session.

27 b. The Commissioner of Education shall develop guidelines
28 concerning the information to be included on the identification card
29 required pursuant to subsection a. of this section. The information
30 shall include, but need not be limited to, the student's name, an up-
31 to-date photograph, and the current school year.

32 c. The commissioner shall examine whether the student
33 identification cards should be used for school purposes in addition
34 to identification, such as purchasing meals, access to library
35 materials, admittance to school-sponsored activities, and boarding
36 school buses.

37 The recommendations developed pursuant to this section shall
38 provide that the identification card of any student who is no longer
39 enrolled in the district is returned to the district.

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41 3. a. Each school district shall develop and implement a policy
42 requiring any visitor to the school to have a visitor pass, and that
43 screening procedures are utilized to monitor visitor entry and access
44 to school facilities.

45 b. The commissioner shall develop guidelines concerning the
46 visitor policy required to be developed by school districts pursuant

1 to subsection a. of this section. The guidelines shall include a
2 process for the district to determine if the individual is listed on the
3 Internet registry maintained by the Superintendent of State Police
4 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.2001, c.167 (C.2C:7-13).

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6 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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11 This bill requires each school district to develop and implement a
12 policy requiring all students, teachers, school administrators, and
13 other school employees to have a school identification (ID) card.
14 The ID card must be clearly visible at all times while the student or
15 employee is in a school building when school is in session.

16 Under the bill, the Commissioner of Education will develop
17 guidelines concerning the information to be included on the
18 employee ID card. At a minimum, the information will include the
19 name of the student or employee, an up-to-date photograph, the
20 current school year, and in the case of an employee, the employee's
21 position or affiliation with the school or school district.

22 The bill also requires the commissioner to examine whether the
23 student identification cards should be used for school purposes in
24 addition to identification, such as purchasing meals, access to
25 library materials, and admittance to school-sponsored activities.

26 The bill also requires each school district to develop and
27 implement a policy requiring any visitor to the school to have a
28 visitor pass, and that screening procedures are utilized to monitor
29 visitor entry and access to school facilities.