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SYNOPSIS

Ensures student well-being during school security drills.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Education Committee on November 8, 2021, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning school security drills and supplementing
2 chapter 41 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. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
8 contrary, a school district shall ensure that a school security drill
9 that occurs when students are present:

10 (1) is conducted only after advance written notice has been
11 provided to staff ¹[and the parents and guardians of enrolled
12 students in the district]¹ that such a drill has been scheduled;

13 (2) includes clear messaging to students and staff that the event
14 is a drill and that no current danger exists;

15 (3) does not expose students to content or imaging that is not
16 developmentally or age-appropriate;

17 (4) is paired with trauma-informed approaches to address any
18 student inquiries or concerns which may arise as a result of a school
19 security drill;

20 (5) does not include the use of fake blood, real or prop firearms,
21 or the simulations of gun shots, explosions, or other sounds or
22 visuals that may induce panic or a traumatic response from a
23 student or school district employee;

24 (6) does not require a student to role play as a victim, but may
25 include first aid training in which students participate; ¹and¹

26 (7)¹[does not include the presence of emergency personnel
27 who are not typically present at the school during school hours; and

28 (8)]¹ is accessible to students with disabilities and mental
29 health conditions, and provides all necessary accommodations for
30 these students.

31 b. ¹A school district shall provide written notification to the
32 parent or guardian of a student enrolled in the district following
33 completion of a school security drill, which notice shall be provided
34 to the parent or guardian by no later than the end of the school day
35 on which the school security drill is conducted.

36 c.¹ A school district may permit emergency personnel access to
37 the buildings and grounds of its schools for school security drills
38 that are scheduled outside of school hours and during such times as
39 students are not present.

40 ¹[c.] d.¹ A school district shall review and update its school
41 security drill procedures every three years using a process that
42 collects input from emergency personnel, parents and guardians of
43 students enrolled in the district, teachers and staff employed in the
44 district, mental health professionals, and student government
45 representatives from multiple grade levels.

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:

¹Senate SED committee amendments adopted November 8, 2021.

1 ¹**【d.】** e.¹ A school district shall annually track data on ¹**【the**
2 efficacy and the effects of the school security drills, including **】**¹
3 such measures and information as are required by the Commissioner
4 of Education, and shall report the data to the commissioner.
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6 2. This act shall take effect immediately.