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**SYNOPSIS**

Permits public and nonpublic schools to utilize security categorical aid to hire school security personnel.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning security categorical aid, amending P.L.2016,  
2 c.49, and supplementing chapter 41 of Title 18A of the New  
3 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. Section 3 of P.L.2016, c.49 (C.18A:58-37.10) is amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 3. A board of education of a school district in which a  
11 nonpublic school is located shall within the limit of funds  
12 appropriated or otherwise made available, adopt policies and  
13 procedures to provide the students who are enrolled full-time in the  
14 nonpublic school with security services, equipment, or technology  
15 to help ensure a safe and secure school environment. School  
16 security services may include the hiring of school security  
17 personnel.

18 (cf: P.L.2016, c.49, s.3)

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20 2. (New section) A board of education may utilize security  
21 categorical aid received pursuant to section 14 of P.L.2007, c.260  
22 (C.18A:7F-56) to hire school security personnel.

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24 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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26 STATEMENT

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28 This bill would permit a board of education to utilize security  
29 categorical aid to hire school security personnel. Under the bill,  
30 school security services that are provided to a nonpublic school  
31 under the provisions of the “Secure Schools for All Children Act”  
32 would include the hiring of school security personnel.

33 Under the “School Funding Reform Act of 2008,” school  
34 districts throughout the State receive a category of funding  
35 identified as security categorical aid. This bill would permit a  
36 board of education to utilize security categorical aid to hire school  
37 security personnel.

38 Under the “Secure Schools for All Children Act,” a board of  
39 education is required to adopt policies and procedures to provide  
40 students enrolled full-time in a nonpublic school within the district  
41 with security services, equipment, or technology to help ensure a  
42 safe and secure school environment. Current Department of  
43 Education Guidance concerning the “Secure Schools for All  
44 Children Act” includes the hiring of security guards as acceptable  
45 security service expenditures. This bill amends the “Secure Schools  
46 for all Children Act” to specify that school security services may  
47 include hiring of school security personnel.

**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.