

SENATE, No. 3706

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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.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/30/2023)

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
22 P.L.2007, c.260 (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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27 STATEMENT

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

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

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

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.

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- 1 security service expenditures. This bill amends the “Secure Schools
- 2 for all Children Act” to specify that school security services may
- 3 include hiring of school security personnel.