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P.L.2013, CHAPTER 277, *approved January 17, 2014*  
Assembly, No. 4072 (*Third Reprint*)

1 AN ACT establishing a school security position pilot program and  
2 supplementing chapter 41 of Title 18A of the New Jersey  
3 Statutes.

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8 1. a. The Commissioner of Education shall establish a three-  
9 year pilot program that provides for the training and placement of  
10 veterans in school security positions available in school districts.  
11 The purpose of the pilot program shall be to increase school  
12 security by utilizing the skills of veterans.

13 b. The commissioner, in consultation with the <sup>1</sup>**Adjutant**  
14 **Attorney**<sup>1</sup> General <sup>1</sup>**of the Department of Military and Veterans**  
15 **Affairs**<sup>1</sup>, shall establish policies and procedures for the  
16 recruitment, selection, and training of veterans eligible to  
17 participate in the pilot program, and for matching the selected  
18 veterans to school security positions available in school districts.  
19 The policies shall evaluate the level of skills, training, experience,  
20 fitness, and other qualifications deemed necessary for a veteran to  
21 serve in a school security position.

22 <sup>2</sup>Notwithstanding the provisions of P.L.2004, c.134 (C.45:19A-1  
23 et seq.) <sup>3</sup>or P.L.2005, c.276 (C.52:17B-71.8 et al.)<sup>3</sup> to the contrary,  
24 the commissioner may utilize the education and training program  
25 for security officers established pursuant to section 5 of the  
26 “Security Officer Registration Act,” P.L.2004, c.134 (C.45:19A-5)  
27 <sup>3</sup>or the training for safe schools resource officers and school  
28 liaisons to law enforcement developed pursuant to section 2 of  
29 P.L.2005, c.276 (C.52:17B-71.8)<sup>3</sup>, to train eligible veterans for  
30 school security positions under the pilot program.<sup>2</sup>

31 c. A school district that wants to participate in the pilot  
32 program shall submit an application to the commissioner in such  
33 form as required by the commissioner. The school district, as part  
34 of the application, shall include information on the security needs of  
35 the school district, the number of school security positions at each  
36 school, the rate of turnover in these positions, and other information  
37 as required by the commissioner.

**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:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly AMV committee amendments adopted November 25, 2013.

<sup>2</sup>Assembly floor amendments adopted December 19, 2013.

<sup>3</sup>Assembly floor amendments adopted January 6, 2014.

1 d. The commissioner shall select up to 12 school districts for  
2 participation in the pilot program. The commissioner shall select  
3 districts in the northern, central, and southern regions of the State  
4 and shall seek a cross section of school districts from urban,  
5 suburban, and rural areas of the State. <sup>3</sup>The selected school districts  
6 may include, but shall not be limited to, Making Our Schools Safe  
7 Districts as designated under the Department of Education's Safer  
8 Schools for a Better Tomorrow initiative.<sup>3</sup>

9 In selecting the pilot school districts, the commissioner shall  
10 consider the security needs of the district as reflected in the data  
11 reported in the commissioner's annual report on violence,  
12 vandalism, and harassment, intimidation, or bullying in the public  
13 schools, as required under section 3 of P.L.1982, c.163 (C.18A:17-  
14 48).

15 e. Three years following the establishment of the pilot  
16 program, the commissioner shall submit a report to the Governor,  
17 and to the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164  
18 (C.52:14-19.1). The report shall contain information on the  
19 implementation of the pilot program, the effectiveness of veterans  
20 in school security positions, and the recommendations of the  
21 commissioner and the <sup>1</sup>adjutant general Attorney General<sup>1</sup> on the  
22 advisability of continuing, expanding, or modifying the program.

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24 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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29 Establishes pilot program in DOE to recruit, select, and train  
30 veterans for school security positions in school districts.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 4072

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 215th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 6, 2013

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman SHAVONDA E. SUMTER**

**District 35 (Bergen and Passaic)**

**Assemblywoman CLEOPATRA G. TUCKER**

**District 28 (Essex)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes pilot program in DOE to recruit, select, and train veterans for school security positions in school districts.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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32 suburban, and rural areas of the State.

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This bill directs the Commissioner of Education to establish a three-year pilot program that provides for the training and placement of veterans in school security positions available in school districts. The purpose of the pilot program is to increase school security by utilizing the skills of veterans.

The bill directs the commissioner, in consultation with the Adjutant General of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, to establish policies and procedures for the recruitment, selection, and training of veterans eligible to participate in the pilot program, and for matching the selected veterans to school security positions available in school districts. The policies will evaluate the level of skills, training, experience, fitness, and other qualifications deemed necessary for a veteran to serve in a school security position.

A school district that wants to participate in the pilot program may submit an application to the commissioner in such form as required by the commissioner. The commissioner will select up to 12 school districts from the northern, central, and southern regions of the State for participation in the pilot program. In selecting the pilot school districts, the commissioner will consider the security needs of the district as reflected in the data reported in the commissioner's annual report on violence, vandalism, and harassment, intimidation, or bullying in the public schools.

The bill also directs the commissioner to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature, three years following the establishment of the pilot program, that contains information on the implementation of the pilot program, the effectiveness of veterans on school safety and security, and the recommendations of the commissioner and adjutant general on the advisability of continuing, expanding, or modifying the program.

ASSEMBLY MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 4072**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: NOVEMBER 25, 2013

The Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly, No. 4072.

This bill directs the Commissioner of Education to establish a three-year pilot program that provides for the training and placement of veterans in school security positions available in school districts. The purpose of the pilot program is to increase school security by utilizing the skills of veterans.

As amended, the bill directs the commissioner, in consultation with the Attorney General, to establish policies and procedures for the recruitment, selection, and training of veterans eligible to participate in the pilot program, and for matching the selected veterans to school security positions available in school districts. The policies will evaluate the level of skills, training, experience, fitness, and other qualifications deemed necessary for a veteran to serve in a school security position.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to replace references to the Adjutant General of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs with the Attorney General.

STATEMENT TO  
[First Reprint]  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 4072**

with Assembly Floor Amendments  
(Proposed by Assemblywoman SUMTER)

ADOPTED: DECEMBER 19, 2013

This floor amendment authorizes the Commissioner of Education to utilize the education and training program for security officers established under the “Security Officer Registration Act,” P.L.2004, c.134 (C.45:19A-1 et seq.), to train eligible veterans for school security positions in school districts.

STATEMENT TO  
[Second Reprint]  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 4072**

with Assembly Floor Amendments  
(Proposed by Assemblywoman SUMTER)

ADOPTED: JANUARY 6, 2014

These floor amendments: 1) authorize the Commissioner of Education to utilize the training for safe schools resource officers and school liaisons to law enforcement that has been developed under section 2 of P.L.2005, c.276 (C.52:17B-71.8), to train eligible veterans for school security positions in school districts; and 2) provide that the school districts selected to participate in the pilot program may include, but will not be limited to, Making Our Schools Safe Districts as designated under the Department of Education's Safer Schools for a Better Tomorrow initiative.

**SENATE, No. 3078**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**215th LEGISLATURE**

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 5, 2013

**Sponsored by:**  
**Senator JAMES BEACH**  
**District 6 (Burlington and Camden)**

**SYNOPSIS**

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SENATE MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 3078**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 16, 2013

The Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3078.

This bill directs the Commissioner of Education to establish a three-year pilot program that provides for the training and placement of veterans in school security positions available in school districts. The purpose of the pilot program is to increase school security by utilizing the skills of veterans.

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This bill is identical to Assembly, No. 4072 (1R) of 2013.

STATEMENT TO  
**SENATE, No. 3078**

with Senate Floor Amendments  
(Proposed by Senator BEACH)

ADOPTED: DECEMBER 19, 2013

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