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P.L.2016, CHAPTER 100, *approved January 9, 2017*
Assembly, No. 2158 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning the funding of school security improvements,
2 amending P.L.2007, c.62, and supplementing P.L.2000, c.72
3 (C.18A:7G-1 et al.).
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Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SED committee amendments adopted June 20, 2016.

²Senate floor amendments adopted June 27, 2016.

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46 improvements to school facilities.

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15 (3) Federal impact aid reserve account in the case of a school
16 district that receives federal impact aid pursuant to section 8002, 8003,
17 8007, or 8008 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965
18 (20 U.S.C. s.7702, 7703, 7707, or 7708). A board of education may
19 appropriate federal impact aid funds to establish or supplement the
20 reserve account in the district's annual budget, or through a transfer by
21 a two-thirds affirmative vote of the authorized membership of the
22 board between June 1 and June 30, for withdrawal in any subsequent
23 school year. Any transfer to the reserve account shall not exceed the
24 total amount of federal impact aid received in the fiscal year. The
25 board, at its discretion, may use the funds in the reserve account to
26 finance the district's general fund or to finance school facilities
27 projects, in a manner consistent with federal law. The total amount of
28 funds on deposit in the reserve account shall not be limited.

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30 accordance with GAAP and shall be subject to annual audit. Any
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34 (2) A board of education that establishes a federal impact aid
35 reserve account shall:

36 (a) report the amount of federal impact aid received, expended,
37 and on deposit in the federal impact aid reserve account in its annual
38 audit pursuant to N.J.S.18A:23-1, and in the budget made available in
39 a "user-friendly" format using plain language pursuant to
40 N.J.S.18A:22-8;

41 (b) report the amount of federal impact aid received, expended,
42 and on deposit in the federal impact aid reserve account at each board
43 of education meeting, and shall include the information in the board
44 secretary's monthly report in a format to be determined by the
45 commissioner; and

46 (c) provide any additional supporting documentation that may be
47 required by the commissioner pursuant to subsection c. of section 5 of

1 P.L.1996, c.138 (C.18A:7F-5).¹

2 (cf: P.L.2015, c.46, s.1)

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4 2. (New section) Notwithstanding the provisions of
5 subsection a. of section 14 of P.L.2000, c.72 (C.18A:7G-14) to the
6 contrary, the proceeds of bonds authorized to be issued to fund the
7 State share of the costs of SDA district school facilities projects or
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13 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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19 Authorizes use of emergency reserve fund or proceeds from
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ASSEMBLY, No. 2158

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2016 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman PATRICK J. DIEGNAN, JR.

District 18 (Middlesex)

Assemblyman CRAIG J. COUGHLIN

District 19 (Middlesex)

Assemblyman DAVID W. WOLFE

District 10 (Ocean)

Assemblyman JAMEL C. HOLLEY

District 20 (Union)

Assemblywoman ANGELA V. MCKNIGHT

District 31 (Hudson)

SYNOPSIS

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CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/4/2016)

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ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2158

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 3, 2016

The Assembly Education Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2158.

This bill provides that a school district may use its emergency reserve fund to finance school security improvements, including improvements to school facilities. Under current law, a district may only withdraw money from the emergency reserve fund to pay the cost of unanticipated general fund current expense costs. The bill also provides that proceeds from bonds issued by the Economic Development Authority to finance the State's school construction program may be used to fund school facilities projects related to improving school security.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2016-2017 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2158

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 20, 2016

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 2158 with committee amendments.

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STATEMENT TO
[First Reprint]
ASSEMBLY, No. 2158

with Senate Floor Amendments
(Proposed by Senator DIEGNAN)

ADOPTED: JUNE 27, 2016

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SENATE, No. 2241

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
217th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 23, 2016

Sponsored by:

Senator PATRICK J. DIEGNAN, JR.

District 18 (Middlesex)

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SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2241

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 20, 2016

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 2241 with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill provides that a school district may use its emergency reserve fund to finance school security improvements, including improvements to school facilities. Under current law, a district may only withdraw money from the emergency reserve fund to pay the cost of unanticipated general fund current expense costs. The bill also provides that proceeds from bonds issued by the Economic Development Authority to finance the State's school construction program may be used to fund school facilities projects related to improving school security.

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ADOPTED: JUNE 27, 2016

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Governor Chris Christie Signs Legislation Enhancing Protections For Domestic Violence Survivors

Monday, January 9, 2017

Tags: [Bill Action](#)



Trenton, NJ - Governor Chris Christie today signed legislation to enhance protections for survivors of domestic violence.

This new law will deter domestic violence, partly by increasing criminal penalties for offences including maximums for repeat offenders, as urged in Governor Christie's conditional vetoes of earlier versions of this legislation.

"This new law will help prevent domestic violence in New Jersey by enhancing criminal penalties and ensuring immediate compliance with stronger protective orders," Governor Christie said. "Survivors of domestic violence will be safer than ever before. I am proud we came together to enact this model legislation that is much more than just symbolic and is real reform that fulfills our primary responsibility of improving public safety in New Jersey."

This new law reinforces existing laws by creating a more in-depth process to ensure domestic violence offenders' firearms, identification cards and permits are confiscated as required while they are subject to restraining orders. It forces offenders to immediately upon sentencing – rather than after several days – arrange for the surrender of their firearms, identification cards and permits to a law enforcement officer. It also requires an order for a temporary or final restraining order to include notice to the defendant of the penalties for a violation of any provision of the order, including but not limited to the penalties for contempt of court and unlawful possession of a firearm or other weapon.

In addition to signing S-2483/A-4126 (Weinberg, Beck/Mosquera, Greenwald, Downey, Houghtaling, Munoz, Sumter, Benson, Lampitt, Wimberly) into law, the Governor also took action today on the following legislation:

BILL SIGNINGS:

S-909/A-2688 (Rice/Spencer, Pintor Marin) - Exempts person who remediates property in environmental opportunity zone from remediation funding source requirement

S-976/A-2332 (Gordon, Beck/Benson, Downey, Eustace) - Requires Public Health Council to promulgate rules and regulations for use of quality control programs in bio-analytical and clinical laboratories

S-981/A-2375 (Smith, Bateman, Greenstein/McKeon, Gusciora, Spencer) - Revises "Electronic Waste Management Act"

S-1489/A-1465 (Cruz-Perez, Cunningham/Lampitt, Mosquera, Wimberly, Downey, McKnight) - Ensures equal rights and opportunities for pregnant students in institutions of higher education

S-2098/A-3549 (Sacco, Pennacchio/Johnson, Zwicker, Wisniewski, Benson) - Exempts hydrogen fuel cell-powered vehicles from certain labeling requirements

S-2463/A-3892 (Vitale, Rice, Allen/Vainieri Huttel, Lampitt, Mukherji) - Changes the time when child placement review hearings are initiated from 45 days to 60 days

S-2526/A-4105 (Diegnan, Thompson/Dancer, DeCroce, Clifton, Pinkin, Mukherji) - Designates portion of Interstate Highway Route 195 in Upper Freehold Township as "State Trooper Anthony A. Raspa Memorial Highway"

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S-2601/A-4207 (Pou, Beck/Vainieri Huttie, Holley, Downey, Mukherji, Muoio, Jasey) - Modifies scope of "Sexual Assault Survivor Protection Act of 2015" and enforcement of protective orders under that act

S-2708/A-4064 (Codey/Jasey, McKeon, Mukherji) - Authorizes State Treasurer to convey surplus real property known as Millburn Regional Day School in Millburn Township, Essex County, to Millburn Township Board of Education or to Millburn Township for \$3,550,000

SJR-29/AJR-58 (Weinberg/Vainieri Huttie, Jasey, Jones, McKnight, Phoebus, Wimberly) - Designates one night in November of each year as a "Night of Conversation" about drug and alcohol addiction

A-793/S-316 (Andrzejczak, Land, Taliaferro/Van Drew, Connors) - Requires Dept. of Agriculture and DEP to work with US Army Corps of Engineers to establish joint permit application process for aquaculture projects

A-794/S-317 (Andrzejczak, Land, Taliaferro, Van Drew, Connors) - Requires Dept. of Agriculture and DEP to adopt coordinated permit application and review program for aquaculture projects

A-1424/S-1050 (Johnson, Wimberly, Sumter/Weinberg, Stack) - Authorizes Victims of Crime Compensation Office to make payment for relocation expenses of certain witnesses of crimes

A-2106/S-2351 (Mukherji, Chaparro, Holley, Jimenez, Pintor Marin, Sumter, Wimberly/Ruiz, Madden) - Permits homeless to receive certified copy of birth certificate without fee

A-2107/S-2350 (Mukherji, Holley, Gusciora, Pintor Marin, Wimberly/Ruiz, Madden) - Exempts homeless from fee for non-driver identification cards

A-2158/S-2241 (Coughlin, Wolfe, Holley, McKnight/Diegnan) - Authorizes use of emergency reserve fund or proceeds from bonds issued by EDA to finance school security improvements

A-2763/S-1933 (Mazzeo, Mosquera, Mukherji, Andrzejczak, Land, Houghtaling/Sweeney, Stack) - Enters NJ in Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact

A-3534/S-2086 (A.M. Bucco, Singleton, Webber, Benson, Moriarty/A.R. Bucco, Van Drew) - Permits authorities and local units operating water supply or sewerage facilities to waive, reduce, or defer sewerage and water service fees for deployed military personnel

BILLS VETOED:

S-790/A-3256 (Sarlo, O'Toole/Lagana, Benson, Sumter) – CONDITIONAL - Requires Police Training Commission to develop accelerated training course for certain county corrections officers

A-312/S-2557 (Singleton, Lampitt, Quijano, Pintor Marin, Wimberly, Downey/Cruz-Perez, Stack) – CONDITIONAL - Requires Division of Local Government Services to include certain property tax information on division's web page

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