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(Requires public schools and nonpublic schools to submit critical incident mapping data to local law

enforcement.)

BILL NO: S2426 (Substituted for A3835 (1R))

SPONSOR(S) Joseph A. Lagana and others

DATE INTRODUCED: 5/9/2022

COMMITTEE: ASSEMBLY: ---

SENATE: Education

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes

DATE OF PASSAGE: ASSEMBLY: 10/27/2022

SENATE: 10/17/2022

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Yes

S2426

INTRODUCED BILL: (Includes sponsor(s) statement) Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: ASSEMBLY: No

SENATE: Yes Education

(Audio archived recordings of the committee meetings, corresponding to the date of the committee statement, *may possibly* be found at www.njleg.state.nj.us)

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

A3835 (1R)

INTRODUCED BILL: (Includes sponsor(s) statement) Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: ASSEMBLY: Yes Education

Law & Public Safety

SENATE: No

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Matt Arco NJ Advance Media, 'NJ schools must soon produce digital maps to help police', Jersey Journal, The (online),2 Dec 2022 009

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VETO MESSAGE:

P.L. 2022, CHAPTER 122, approved November 30, 2022 Senate, No. 2426, (First Reprint)

1 **AN ACT** concerning the submission of data on school buildings and grounds and amending P.L.2019, c.106.

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BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

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- 1. Section 1 of P.L.2019, c.106 (C.18A:41-7.1) is amended to read as follows:
- 1. <u>a.</u> Each board of education ¹of a school district, board of 9 trustees of a charter school or renaissance school project, 1 or chief 10 school administrator of a nonpublic school shall provide to local 11 12 law enforcement authorities **[**a copy of the current blueprints and maps critical incident mapping data for all schools and school 13 14 grounds ¹[within the school district or nonpublic school]¹. In the 15 case of a school building located in a municipality in which there is no municipal police department, [a copy of the blueprints and 16 maps critical incident mapping data shall be provided to an entity 17 18 designated by the Superintendent of State Police. A board of 19 education ¹of a school district, board of trustees of a charter school 20 or renaissance school project, or chief school administrator of a 21 nonpublic school shall provide revised [copies] mapping data to 22 the applicable law enforcement authorities or designated entities 23 any time that there is a change to the [blueprints or maps] critical
 - <u>b. Critical incident mapping data provided pursuant to</u> subsection a. of this section shall be:
 - (1) compatible with all platforms and applications used by local, State, and federal law enforcement authorities;
 - (2) provided in a printable format; and
- 30 (3) verified for accuracy through an annual walkthrough of school buildings and school grounds.
- 32 c. As used in this section, "critical incident mapping data"
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 34 first responders in an emergency including, but not limited to:
- 35 (1) aerial images of schools;
- 36 (2) floor plans, including room and suite numbers;
- 37 (3) building access points;

incident mapping data.

38 (4) locations of hazardous materials and utility shut-offs; and

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 <u>thus</u> is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

 $^{^{1}}$ Senate SED committee amendments adopted June 20, 2022.

S2426 [1R]

1	(5) any other relevant location information.
2	d. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require local
3	law enforcement authorities or designated entities to access critical
4	incident mapping data using third party viewing software.
5	(cf: P.L.2019, c.106, s.1)
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SENATE, No. 2426

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 9, 2022

Sponsored by: Senator JOSEPH A. LAGANA District 38 (Bergen and Passaic)

SYNOPSIS

Requires boards of education and chief administrators of nonpublic schools to submit critical incident mapping data to local law enforcement.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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- b. Critical incident mapping data provided pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall be:
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 - (2) provided in a printable format; and
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 - (2) floor plans, including room and suite numbers;
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- d. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require local
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42 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to the 43 first full school year following the date of enactment.

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 - any other relevant location information.

Under current law, each board of education or chief school administrator of a nonpublic school is required to provide to local law enforcement authorities a copy of the current blueprints and maps for all schools and school grounds within the school district or nonpublic school. In the case of a school building located in a municipality in which there is no municipal police department, a copy of the blueprints and maps is required to be provided to an entity designated by the Superintendent of State Police. A board of education or chief school administrator of a nonpublic school is also required to provide revised copies to law enforcement authorities or a designated entity any time there is a change to the blueprints or maps.

The bill would amend current law to require boards of education and school districts to provide to local law enforcement authorities critical incident mapping data, rather than blueprints and maps, for all schools and school buildings within the school district or nonpublic school. For school buildings located within a municipality where there is no municipal police department, the mapping data would be provided to an entity designated by the Superintendent of State Police. Any time there is a change to the mapping data, a board of education or chief administrator of a nonpublic school would be required to provide revised data to law enforcement authorities or a designated entity. Mapping data provided pursuant to this bill would be required to be compatible with all platforms and applications used by local, State, and federal law enforcement authorities; provided in a printable format; and verified for accuracy through an annual walkthrough of school buildings and school grounds. Nothing in this bill would be construed to require local law enforcement authorities or designated entities to access critical incident mapping data using third party viewing software.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2426

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 20, 2022

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 2426 with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill requires each board of education of a school district, board of trustees of a charter school or renaissance school project, and chief administrators of nonpublic schools to provide critical mapping data for all schools and school grounds to local law enforcement authorities. For purposes of the bill, "critical incident mapping data" means information provided in electronic or digital form to assist first responders in an emergency including, but not limited to:

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mapping data, a board of education of a school district, board of trustees of a charter school or renaissance school project, or chief administrator of a nonpublic school would be required to provide revised data to law enforcement authorities or a designated entity. Mapping data provided pursuant to this bill would be required to be compatible with all platforms and applications used by local, State, and federal law enforcement authorities; provided in a printable format; and verified for accuracy through an annual walkthrough of school buildings and school grounds. Nothing in the bill would be construed to require local law enforcement authorities or designated entities to access critical incident mapping data using third party viewing software.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to expressly state that the provisions of the bill would apply to boards of trustees of charter schools and renaissance school projects.

ASSEMBLY, No. 3835

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 9, 2022

Sponsored by: Assemblyman GARY S. SCHAER District 36 (Bergen and Passaic)

Co-Sponsored by: Assemblywoman Sawyer

SYNOPSIS

Requires boards of education and chief administrators of nonpublic schools to submit critical incident mapping data to local law enforcement.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/13/2022)

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The bill would amend current law to require boards of education and chief administrators of nonpublic schools to provide to local law enforcement authorities critical incident mapping data, rather than blueprints and maps, for all schools and school buildings within the school district or nonpublic school. For school buildings located within a municipality where there is no municipal police department, the mapping data would be provided to an entity designated by the Superintendent of State Police. Any time there is a change to the mapping data, a board of education or chief administrator of a nonpublic school would be required to provide revised data to law enforcement authorities or a designated entity. Mapping data provided pursuant to this bill would be required to be compatible with all platforms and applications used by local, State, and federal law enforcement authorities; provided in a printable format; and verified for accuracy through an annual walkthrough of school buildings and school grounds. Nothing in this bill would be construed to require local law enforcement authorities or designated entities to access critical incident mapping data using third party viewing software.

ASSEMBLY LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3835

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 13, 2022

The Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 3835.

As amended and reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 3835 requires each board of education of a school district, board of trustees of a charter school or renaissance school project, and chief administrators of nonpublic schools to provide critical mapping data for all schools and school grounds to local law enforcement authorities. For purposes of the bill, "critical incident mapping data" means information provided in electronic or digital form to assist first responders in an emergency including, but not limited to:

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

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ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3835

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 9, 2022

The Assembly Education Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3835.

This bill requires boards of education and chief administrators of nonpublic schools to provide critical mapping data for all schools and school grounds to local law enforcement authorities. For purposes of the bill, "critical incident mapping data" means information provided in electronic or digital form to assist first responders in an emergency including, but not limited to:

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Governor Murphy Signs Critical School Security Legislation

11/30/2022

Critical Incident Mapping Data Assists Law Enforcement and First Responders in Cases of an Emergency, Strengthening Efforts to Protect Students and Teachers

TRENTON - Governor Phil Murphy today signed bill S2426 into law, requiring all public and nonpublic schools in New Jersey to submit critical incident mapping data to local law enforcement in electronic format. In August, Governor Murphy announced a \$6.5 million investment in American Rescue Plan funds toward a statewide school security initiative to collect and digitize school building blueprints and make them available to first responders. S2426, which builds on the Governor's statewide school security initiative, requires each board of education, board of trustees, or chief school administrators to provide their local law enforcement authorities or designated law enforcement entities with critical incident mapping data for all schools and school grounds.

"We have seen, time and time again, public mass shootings taking place across our country. Providing our law enforcement and first responders with the critical incident mapping data will aid them in their efforts in case of an emergency at a school," **said Governor Murphy**. "This Administration, in partnership with our legislative partners, will continue to put the health and safety of our students first, and this is another step forward in our efforts to protect our students and teachers."

Critical incident mapping data includes:

- 1. Aerial images of schools;
- 2. Floor plans, including room and suite numbers;
- 3. Building access points;
- 4. Locations of hazardous materials and utility shut-offs; and
- 5. Any other relevant location information.

Mapping data must be updated as necessary and revised copies shall be provided to applicable or designated law enforcement entities.

The bill will take effect immediately and first apply for the upcoming 2023-24 school year.

The Governor and State legislature have been very active this year in signing legislation to further protect students and teachers. Other legislation includes:

- 1. A-6258/S-4309, signed in January, which appropriates a total of \$5,150,531 from the "Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act" to provide grants for school security projects in New Jersey school districts. The funding was allocated to the installation of silent panic alarms to alert law enforcement during an emergency as required by Alyssa's Law, as well as other school security upgrades.
- 2. A-5727/S-3726, also signed in January, which requires school security drills to be age-appropriate and to prevent unnecessary traumatization of schoolchildren. Among other requirements, the legislation prohibits the use of fake blood, real or prop firearms, or the simulations of gun shots or explosions in school security drills
- 3. A4075/3229, signed in August, which requires the board of education in each school district and board of trustees in each charter school or renaissance school in the state to develop and adopt a policy for the establishment of a threat assessment team at their respective schools.

"Ensuring the safety of our children is and always will be a top priority. As gun violence continues to reach every corner of our nation, including our schools, the job of protecting our children is more important now than ever," **said Attorney General**Matthew J. Platkin. "Thanks to the Governor's leadership, we are offering concrete investments in the resources, tools, and information that law enforcement officers need to act swiftly and with precision to protect students and educators in the event of an emergency."

"Student safety is a top priority for every school official, this legislation takes us a giant leap forward in the evolution of school security," **said Dr. Angelica Allen-McMillan, Acting Commissioner of Education**. "In New Jersey, we strive to be forward-thinking with our efforts to protect our students and school staff, and this measure will provide first responders with tools that can benefit public and nonpublic schools alike."

"Ensuring that our children and school personnel are safe will always be a top priority in our mission to protect and serve. This legislation will undoubtedly assist law enforcement during emergent times by providing first responders with an additional tool to work quickly and more efficiently," said Colonel Patrick J. Callahan, Superintendent of the New Jersey State

Police. "The Critical Incident Mapping Legislation represents another step towards making our schools safer and I applaud Governor Murphy for signing this bill into law."

"Protecting students and teachers when they step into a school remains a top priority for the State of New Jersey as Governor Murphy has demonstrated with this latest bill signing," said New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness Director Laurie R. Doran. "Our team continues to closely collaborate with our law enforcement and education-sector partners statewide as we work to roll out this innovative mapping technology which will serve as a critical tool for first responders by equipping them with a basic visual understanding of a building, school or location. In the event we need to coordinate an emergency response, this measure can and will save lives."

"Given the rise in school shootings and other school-related emergencies around the country, it is paramount that, in addition to strengthening gun safety laws and bolstering mental health services, we also do all we can to protect our students through providing law enforcement and first responders with every available tool that could help save lives," **said Senator Lagana.** "Access to critical incident mapping data, including digital floor plan mapping, will better prepare local law enforcement and first responders in the case of any emergency situation."

"Providing law enforcement with detailed blueprints empowers our officers to effectively respond and provide life-saving assistance during a crisis. Critical incident mapping data is vital for strengthening emergency preparedness in all of New Jersey's public and private schools," said Assemblyman Gary Schaer. "This legislation is crucial for developing proactive operational strategies to protect our children from threats to school security. Our State is committed to establishing comprehensive resiliency measures to combat the national rise in school shootings, so every student feels safe in their classroom."

"Providing law enforcement with critical incident mapping data will ensure our first responders have the most accurate and up-to-date information necessary to respond to any emergency situation," **said Assemblywoman Angelica Jimenez.** "Taking proactive steps to keep our students safe is crucial. By giving law enforcement better, more effective mapping data, we are helping to make our schools safer."

"This new law prioritizes preparedness, which is essential should the worst-case scenario happen. Having access to critical incident mapping data ahead of time will ensure law enforcement can respond to potential threats quickly and effectively," said Assemblywoman Annette Quijano. "Expanding the information available to law enforcement beyond blueprints and maps gives first responders the resources necessary to keep our school communities safe."