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**ASSEMBLY, No. 3002**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**213th LEGISLATURE**

INTRODUCED JUNE 16, 2008

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman FREDERICK SCALERA**

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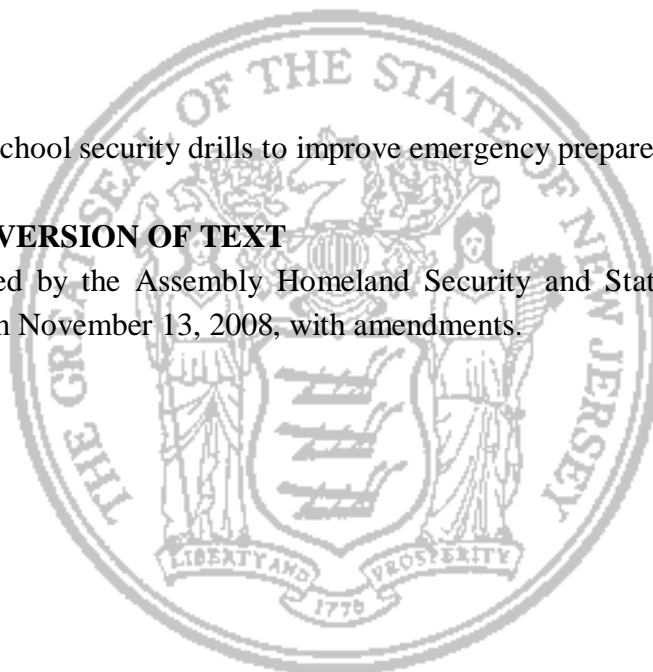
**Assemblyman DeAngelo, Assemblywomen Greenstein, Pou, Senators  
Girgenti, Ruiz, T.Kean, Sarlo and Turner**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires school security drills to improve emergency preparedness.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness  
Committee on November 13, 2008, with amendments.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/11/2009)**

1 AN ACT concerning school security drills, supplementing Title 18A  
2 of the New Jersey Statutes and chapter 9 of Appendix A, and  
3 amending N.J.S.18A:41-1.

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

7  
8 1. (New section) As used in this act:

9 “School security drill” means an exercise, other than a fire drill,  
10 to practice procedures that respond to an emergency situation  
11 including, but not limited to, a non-fire evacuation, lockdown, or  
12 active shooter situation and that is similar in duration to a fire drill.

13  
14 2. (New section) A local board of education and chief school  
15 administrator of a nonpublic school shall ensure that all <sup>1</sup>**[full time]**  
16 full-time<sup>1</sup> teaching staff members in the district or nonpublic school  
17 are provided with training on school safety and security that  
18 includes instruction on school security drills. The training shall use  
19 the drill guide and training materials prepared pursuant to section 3  
20 of <sup>1</sup>**[P.L. ,c. (C. ) (pending before the legislature as this bill)]**  
21 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)<sup>1</sup>.  
22 Each teaching staff member shall be provided with the training  
23 within one year of the effective date of this act or within 60 days of  
24 the commencement of <sup>1</sup>**[his] that staff member’s**<sup>1</sup> employment,  
25 whichever date is later.

26  
27 3. (New section) a. The Director of the Office of Homeland  
28 Security and Preparedness shall, in consultation with the  
29 Commissioner of Education, the Director of the Division of Fire  
30 Safety in the Department of Community Affairs, the Director of the  
31 State Office of Emergency Management in the Division of State  
32 Police in the Department of Law and Public Safety, and the  
33 Attorney General, develop and disseminate to each school district  
34 and nonpublic school a building security drill guide and training  
35 materials that educate school employees on proper evacuation and  
36 lockdown procedures in a variety of emergency situations on school  
37 grounds including, but not limited to, bomb threats and active  
38 shooter situations.

39 b. The drill guide and training materials shall be updated at  
40 regular intervals in order to ensure that they incorporate the most  
41 current information available on school security.

**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 AHS committee amendments adopted November 13, 2008.

- 1       4. N.J.S. 18A:41-1 is amended to read as follows:  
2       18A:41-1 Every principal of a school of two or more rooms, or  
3 of a school of one room, when located above the first story of a  
4 building, shall have at least **【two】** one fire **【drills】** drill and one  
5 school security drill each month within the school hours, including  
6 any summer months during which the school is open for  
7 instructional programs, and shall require all teachers of all schools,  
8 whether occupying buildings of one or more stories, to keep all  
9 doors and exits of their respective rooms and buildings unlocked  
10 during the school hours, except during an emergency lockdown or  
11 an emergency lockdown drill. Where school buildings have been  
12 provided with fire escapes, they shall be used by a part or all of the  
13 pupils performing every fire drill.  
14 (cf: P.L.2007, c.205)  
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16       5. This act shall take effect on the first day of the tenth month  
17 after enactment.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 3002

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 213th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 16, 2008

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman FREDERICK SCALERA**

**District 36 (Bergen, Essex and Passaic)**

**Assemblywoman PAMELA R. LAMPITT**

**District 6 (Camden)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires school security drills to improve emergency preparedness.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 9/16/2008)**

1 AN ACT concerning school security drills, supplementing Title 18A  
2 of the New Jersey Statutes and chapter 9 of Appendix A, and  
3 amending N.J.S.18A:41-1.

4  
5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. (New section) As used in this act:

9 “School security drill” means an exercise, other than a fire drill,  
10 to practice procedures that respond to an emergency situation  
11 including, but not limited to, a non-fire evacuation, lockdown, or  
12 active shooter situation and that is similar in duration to a fire drill.

13  
14 2. (New section) A local board of education and chief school  
15 administrator of a nonpublic school shall ensure that all full time  
16 teaching staff members in the district or nonpublic school are  
17 provided with training on school safety and security that includes  
18 instruction on school security drills. The training shall use the drill  
19 guide and training materials prepared pursuant to section 3 of  
20 P.L. ,c. (C. ) (pending before the legislature as this bill). Each  
21 teaching staff member shall be provided with the training within  
22 one year of the effective date of this act or within 60 days of the  
23 commencement of his employment, whichever date is later.

24  
25 3. (New section) a. The Director of the Office of Homeland  
26 Security and Preparedness shall, in consultation with the  
27 Commissioner of Education, the Director of the Division of Fire  
28 Safety in the Department of Community Affairs, the Director of the  
29 State Office of Emergency Management in the Division of State  
30 Police in the Department of Law and Public Safety, and the  
31 Attorney General, develop and disseminate to each school district  
32 and nonpublic school a building security drill guide and training  
33 materials that educate school employees on proper evacuation and  
34 lockdown procedures in a variety of emergency situations on school  
35 grounds including, but not limited to, bomb threats and active  
36 shooter situations.

37 b. The drill guide and training materials shall be updated at  
38 regular intervals in order to ensure that they incorporate the most  
39 current information available on school security.

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41 4. N.J.S. 18A:41-1 is amended to read as follows:

42 18A:41-1 Every principal of a school of two or more rooms, or  
43 of a school of one room, when located above the first story of a  
44 building, shall have at least **[two] one fire [drills] drill and one**  
45 school security drill each month within the school hours, including

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1 any summer months during which the school is open for  
2 instructional programs, and shall require all teachers of all schools,  
3 whether occupying buildings of one or more stories, to keep all  
4 doors and exits of their respective rooms and buildings unlocked  
5 during the school hours, except during an emergency lockdown or  
6 an emergency lockdown drill. Where school buildings have been  
7 provided with fire escapes, they shall be used by a part or all of the  
8 pupils performing every fire drill.

9 (cf: P.L. 2007, c.205)

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11 5. This act shall take effect on the first day of the tenth month  
12 after enactment.

#### 13 14 15 STATEMENT

16  
17 This bill provides for the improved emergency preparedness of  
18 public and nonpublic schools in the State. Under current law, most  
19 public schools are required to conduct two fire drills each month.  
20 This bill amends the law to require one monthly fire drill and one  
21 monthly school security drill, which is defined as an exercise to  
22 practice procedures that respond to an emergency situation such as  
23 a non-fire evacuation, lockdown, or active shooter situation, and  
24 which is similar in duration to a fire drill. This bill also amends  
25 current law to allow for public school teachers to lock doors and  
26 exits during an emergency lockdown or emergency lockdown drill.  
27 The bill directs the Director of the Office of Homeland Security and  
28 Preparedness, in consultation with the Commissioner of Education,  
29 the Director of the Division of Fire Safety in the Department of  
30 Community Affairs, the Director of the State Office of Emergency  
31 Management in the Division of State Police in the Department of  
32 Law and Public Safety, and the Attorney General, to develop and  
33 disseminate training curriculum to each school district and  
34 nonpublic school that will assist them in properly preparing to  
35 conduct school security drills. The curriculum will educate school  
36 employees on proper evacuation and lockdown procedures in a  
37 variety of emergency situations on school grounds such as bomb  
38 threats and active shooter situations.

39 The bill also requires each local board of education and chief  
40 school administrator of a nonpublic school to ensure that all of their  
41 full time teaching staff members are provided with training on  
42 school safety and security that includes instruction on the  
43 implementation of school security drills. Under the bill, the  
44 training must use the drill guide and training materials prepared by  
45 the Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness.



ASSEMBLY HOMELAND SECURITY AND STATE  
PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 3002**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: NOVEMBER 13, 2008

The Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 3002.

Assembly Bill No. 3002 provides for the improved emergency preparedness of public and nonpublic schools in the State. Under current law, most public schools are required to conduct two fire drills each month. This bill amends the law to require one monthly fire drill and one monthly school security drill, which is defined as an exercise to practice procedures that respond to an emergency situation such as a non-fire evacuation, lockdown, or active shooter situation, and which is similar in duration to a fire drill. This bill also amends current law to allow for public school teachers to lock doors and exits during an emergency lockdown or emergency lockdown drill.

The bill directs the Director of the Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, in consultation with the Commissioner of Education, the Director of the Division of Fire Safety in the Department of Community Affairs, the Director of the State Office of Emergency Management in the Division of State Police in the Department of Law and Public Safety, and the Attorney General, to develop and disseminate training curriculum to each school district and nonpublic school that will assist them in properly preparing to conduct school security drills. The curriculum will educate school employees on proper evacuation and lockdown procedures in a variety of emergency situations on school grounds such as bomb threats and active shooter situations.

The bill also requires each local board of education and chief school administrator of a nonpublic school to ensure that all of their full-time teaching staff members are provided with training on school safety and security that includes instruction on the implementation of school security drills. Under the bill, the training must use the drill

guide and training materials prepared by the Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to make technical corrections.

# SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

**ASSEMBLY, No. 3002**

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MAY 4, 2009

The Senate Education Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3002 1R.

This bill provides for the improved emergency preparedness of public and nonpublic schools in the State. Under current law, most public schools are required to conduct two fire drills each month. This bill amends the law to require one monthly fire drill and one monthly school security drill, which is defined as an exercise to practice procedures that respond to an emergency situation such as a non-fire evacuation, lockdown, or active shooter situation, and which is similar in duration to a fire drill. This bill also amends current law to allow for public school teachers to lock doors and exits during an emergency lockdown or emergency lockdown drill.

The bill directs the Director of the Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, in consultation with the Commissioner of Education, the Director of the Division of Fire Safety in the Department of Community Affairs, the Director of the State Office of Emergency Management in the Division of State Police in the Department of Law and Public Safety, and the Attorney General, to develop and disseminate training curriculum to each school district and nonpublic school that will assist them in properly preparing to conduct school security drills. The curriculum will educate school employees on proper evacuation and lockdown procedures in a variety of emergency situations on school grounds such as bomb threats and active shooter situations.

The bill also requires each local board of education and chief school administrator of a nonpublic school to ensure that all of their full time teaching staff members are provided with training on school safety and security that includes instruction on the implementation of school security drills. Under the bill, the training must use the drill guide and training materials prepared by the Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness.

As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 2518 with committee amendments which also was reported by the committee on this same date.

# SENATE, No. 2518

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 213th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 26, 2009

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator JOHN A. GIRGENTI**  
**District 35 (Bergen and Passaic)**  
**Senator M. TERESA RUIZ**  
**District 29 (Essex and Union)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Senator T.Kean**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires homeland security drills to improve emergency preparedness.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/5/2009)**

S2518 GIRGENTI, RUIZ

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1 AN ACT concerning homeland security drills, supplementing Title  
2 18A of the New Jersey Statutes and chapter 9 of Appendix A,  
3 and amending N.J.S.18A:41-1.

4  
5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. (New section) As used in this act:

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12 active shooter situation and that is similar in duration to a fire drill.

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15 administrator of a nonpublic school shall ensure that all full-time  
16 teaching staff members in the district or nonpublic school are  
17 provided with training on school safety and security that includes  
18 instruction on homeland security drills. The training shall use the  
19 drill guide and training materials prepared pursuant to section 3 of  
20 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).  
21 Each teaching staff member shall be provided with the training  
22 within one year of the effective date of this act or within 60 days of  
23 the commencement of that staff member’s employment, whichever  
24 date is later.

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26 3. (New section) a. The Director of the Office of Homeland  
27 Security and Preparedness shall, in consultation with the  
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16 STATEMENT

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22 monthly homeland security drill, which is defined as an exercise to  
23 practice procedures that respond to an emergency situation such as  
24 a non-fire evacuation, lockdown, or active shooter situation, and  
25 which is similar in duration to a fire drill. This bill also amends  
26 current law to allow for public school teachers to lock doors and  
27 exits during an emergency lockdown or emergency lockdown drill.

28 The bill directs the Director of the Office of Homeland Security  
29 and Preparedness, in consultation with the Commissioner of  
30 Education, the Director of the Division of Fire Safety in the  
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40 The bill also requires each local board of education and chief  
41 school administrator of a nonpublic school to ensure that all of their  
42 full-time teaching staff members are provided with training on  
43 school safety and security that includes instruction on the  
44 implementation of homeland security drills. Under the bill, the  
45 training must use the drill guide and training materials prepared by  
46 the Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness.

# SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **SENATE, No. 2518**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MAY 4, 2009

The Senate Education Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2518 with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill provides for the improved emergency preparedness of public and nonpublic schools in the State. Under current law, most public schools are required to conduct two fire drills each month. This bill amends the law to require one monthly fire drill and one monthly school security drill, which is defined as an exercise to practice procedures that respond to an emergency situation such as a non-fire evacuation, lockdown, or active shooter situation, and which is similar in duration to a fire drill. This bill also amends current law to allow for public school teachers to lock doors and exits during an emergency lockdown or emergency lockdown drill.

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The bill also requires each local board of education and chief school administrator of a nonpublic school to ensure that all of their full-time teaching staff members are provided with training on school safety and security that includes instruction on the implementation of school security drills. Under the bill, the training must use the drill guide and training materials prepared by the Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness.

The committee amended the bill to change references from “homeland security drills” to “school security drills.”

As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3002 (1R), which also was reported by the committee on this same date.