

December 17, 1968

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF R.S. 18A:17-42 et seq.  
(Public School Safety Law)

Source of statute is:

- L. 1967, Chapter 181 - S479  
April 24 - Introduced.  
May 1 - Passed in Senate.  
May 8 - Passed in Assembly.  
July 27 - Approved, Chapter 181.  
No statement and no amendments to bill during passage.

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No similar bills found introduced in previous years.

No reports or hearings on this subject were found.

For newspaper commentary see vertical file under "New Jersey--  
School Houses".

"Hughes asks laws on school violence," Newark Evening News,  
April 5, 1967.

"Hughes to help schools get guards," Newark Star Ledger,  
April 5, 1967.

"State may ask tougher laws against school intruders," Courier-  
Post, October 14, 1967.

Periodicals searched without success:

School Board Notes, volume 12, 1966-67.

Articles found:

- 1) "Report teacher attacks in schools". In  
New Jersey Education Review 40:26. May 1967.
- 1) "Set rules for school law officers". In  
New Jersey Education Review 41:26, November 1967.

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**SENATE, No. 479**

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INTRODUCED APRIL 24, 1967

By Senator RIDOLFI

(Without Reference)

AN ACT concerning safety in public schools, authorizing boards of education to employ and station public school law enforcement officers in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the Commissioner of Education, authorizing the Commissioner of Education to reimburse boards of education for a portion of the cost of employing such public school law enforcement officers, making an appropriation therefor, and supplementing Title 18 of the Revised Statutes.

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

1 1. This act shall be known, and may be cited, as the "Public  
2 School Safety Act of 1967."

1 2. The Legislature finds that the safety and welfare of the public  
2 school students of this State while attending sessions of the public  
3 schools is a matter of prime concern to the citizens of this State;  
4 that, in several isolated instances throughout this State, unlawful  
5 intruders into the public schools have subjected public school stu-  
6 dents and their teachers to physical and verbal attacks during  
7 sessions of the public schools and on the property of said public  
8 schools; that such attacks might have been prevented if public  
9 school law enforcement officers were stationed in said public schools;  
10 that similar attacks will be prevented if public school law enforce-  
11 ment officers are stationed in said public schools; and that State  
12 aid to local boards of education is necessary to help such boards  
13 of education bear the cost of employing and stationing public school  
14 law enforcement officers.

1 3. (a) The Commissioner of Education may, in accordance with  
2 rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this act and upon  
3 a finding of need therefor, authorize any board of education to  
4 employ, subject to the provisions of Title 11 of the Revised Stat-  
5 utes, one or more public school law enforcement officers, and to

6 station such public school law enforcement officers in public schools  
7 of this State during hours when said public schools are normally  
8 in session or are occupied by public school students or their teachers.

9 (b) No public school law enforcement officer shall be employed  
10 pursuant to the provisions of this act except upon the application  
11 of a board of education and with the approval of the county super-  
12 intendent of schools.

1 4. Within the limits of available appropriations, the Commis-  
2 sioner of Education is authorized to reimburse any board of edu-  
3 cation which employs any public school law enforcement officer  
4 pursuant to this act, for such portion of the cost of said board of  
5 education of employing any public school law enforcement officer  
6 as the Commissioner of Education may determine, but not in excess  
7 of 75% of such cost. In determining the amount of reimbursement  
8 to which any board of education may be entitled hereunder, the  
9 Commissioner of Education shall consider the financial ability of  
10 said board of education to pay for the cost of employing any public  
11 school law enforcement officer pursuant to this act.

1 5. The Commissioner of Education shall issue and promulgate  
2 such rules and regulations as are necessary and appropriate to  
3 carry out the provisions of this act.

4 6. There is hereby appropriated, for the purposes of carrying  
5 out the provisions of this act, such sums as may be included in any  
6 general, special or supplemental appropriation act.

1 7. This act shall take effect immediately.