

52:17B-4.7

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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LAWS OF: 2007 **CHAPTER:** 188

NJSA: 52:17B-4.7 (Requires Office of Attorney General to provide annual gang education seminars for school administrators)

BILL NO: A1973 (Substituted for S1748)

SPONSOR(S): Cryan and others

DATE INTRODUCED: January 10, 2006

COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Law and Public Safety
 SENATE: Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes

DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** June 21, 2007
 SENATE: June 18, 2007

DATE OF APPROVAL: October 12, 2007

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

[FINAL TEXT OF BILL](#) (Second reprint enacted)

A1973

[SPONSOR'S STATEMENT](#): (Begins on page 2 of original bill) [Yes](#)

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** [Yes](#)

SENATE: [Yes](#)

(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 NOTE:](#) [Yes](#)

S1748

[SPONSOR'S STATEMENT](#): (Begins on page 2 of original bill) [Yes](#)

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** No

SENATE: [Yes](#)

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE: No

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P.L. 2007, CHAPTER 188, *approved October 12, 2007*
Assembly, No. 1973 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning gang education seminars for school
2 administrators and supplementing Title 52 of the Revised
3 Statutes.

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

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8 1. a. The '[Office of the]'¹ Attorney General '[in the
9 Department of Law and Public Safety, in consultation with the
10 Commissioner of Education,]'¹ shall develop and maintain 'in
11 coordination with the Commissioner of Education,¹ a gang
12 education seminar program to educate public and nonpublic school
13 administrators on how to recognize signs of gang involvement or
14 activity. A seminar shall be offered annually in each county and
15 shall be held in the office of the county superintendent of schools or
16 such other facility as the '[Office of the]'¹ Attorney General 'or
17 Commissioner of Education¹ shall designate.

18 b. A superintendent, assistant superintendent, principal or other
19 administrator employed by a public school district shall attend a
20 gang education seminar offered pursuant to this section within the
21 first year of initial employment as an administrator with a public
22 school district. An administrator employed by a school district
23 prior to the effective date of this act shall attend the first seminar
24 offered in the county subsequent to its enactment. ²A
25 superintendent, assistant superintendent, principal or other
26 administrator shall be exempt from the requirements of this section
27 if that person has successfully completed a gang education seminar
28 conducted by a public school district which is substantially
29 equivalent to the seminar required pursuant to this section.²

30 c. A gang education seminar offered pursuant this section shall
31 be open to all public and nonpublic school administrators.

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33 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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38 Requires Office of Attorney General to provide annual gang
39 education seminars for school administrators.

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:

¹Assembly ALP committee amendments adopted May 18, 2006.

²Senate SLP committee amendments adopted March 15, 2007.

ASSEMBLY, No. 1973

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

212th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2006 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman JOSEPH CRYAN

District 20 (Union)

Assemblyman CRAIG A. STANLEY

District 28 (Essex)

Assemblyman JOHN S. WISNIEWSKI

District 19 (Middlesex)

Assemblyman GORDON M. JOHNSON

District 37 (Bergen)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblymen Diegnan, Malone, Assemblywoman Voss, Assemblyman Vas, Assemblywoman Pou, Assemblymen Manzo, Schaer, Rumpf and Connors

SYNOPSIS

Requires Office of Attorney General to provide annual gang education seminars for school administrators.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/12/2006)

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12 how to recognize signs of gang involvement or activity. A seminar
13 shall be offered annually in each county and shall be held in the
14 office of the county superintendent of schools or such other facility
15 as the Office of the Attorney General shall designate.

16 b. A superintendent, assistant superintendent, principal or other
17 administrator employed by a public school district shall attend a
18 gang education seminar offered pursuant to this section within the
19 first year of initial employment as an administrator with a public
20 school district. An administrator employed by a school district
21 prior to the effective date of this act shall attend the first seminar
22 offered in the county subsequent to its enactment.

23 c. A gang education seminar offered pursuant this section shall
24 be open to all public and nonpublic school administrators.

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26 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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31 This bill requires the Office of the Attorney General, in
32 consultation with the Commissioner of Education, to develop
33 seminars to teach educators to spot signs of gang activity and
34 student involvement in gangs. A seminar would be held annually in
35 each county. The seminars would be open to all public and
36 nonpublic school administrators; however, all public school
37 administrators would be required to attend a seminar. A public
38 school administrator must attend a seminar within the first year of
39 initial employment as an administrator with a public school district;
40 and an administrator employed by a school district prior to the bill's
41 effective date must attend the first seminar offered in the county
42 subsequent to the bill's enactment.

43 According to the National Alliance of Gang Investigators
44 Associations, the problem of gang involvement today is more
45 pervasive than at any time in history, crossing all socioeconomic,
46 ethnic and racial boundaries. In our schools, street gangs foster
47 crime, intimidate students and very often ruin the lives of those
48 teens seduced into joining.

ASSEMBLY LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1973

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 18, 2006

The Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 1973.

Assembly Bill No. 1973, as amended, requires the Attorney General, in coordination with the Commissioner of Education, to develop seminars to teach educators to spot signs of gang activity and student involvement in gangs. A seminar would be held annually in each county. The seminars would be open to all public and nonpublic school administrators; however, all public school administrators would be required to attend a seminar. A public school administrator must attend a seminar within the first year of initial employment as an administrator with a public school district; and an administrator employed by a school district prior to the bill's effective date must attend the first seminar offered in the county subsequent to the bill's enactment.

According to the National Alliance of Gang Investigators' Associations, the problem of gang involvement today is more pervasive than at any time in history, crossing all socioeconomic, ethnic and racial boundaries. In our schools, street gangs foster crime, intimidate students and very often ruin the lives of those teens seduced into joining.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2006-2007 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to clarify that the Attorney General is to work in coordination with the Commissioner of Education in developing and maintaining the program and to authorize the Commissioner of Education, in addition to the Attorney General, to designate a facility for a seminar.

SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND VETERANS'
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]
ASSEMBLY, No. 1973

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 15, 2007

The Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 1973 (1R).

This bill requires the Attorney General, in coordination with the Commissioner of Education, to develop and maintain seminars to teach educators to spot signs of gang activity and student involvement in gangs. A seminar would be held annually in each county. The seminars would be open to all public and nonpublic school administrators; however, all public school administrators would be required to attend a seminar. A public school administrator must attend a seminar within the first year of initial employment as an administrator with a public school district, and an administrator employed by a school district prior to the bill's effective date must attend the first seminar offered in the county subsequent to the bill's enactment. The amended bill provides that a superintendent, assistant superintendent, principal or other administrator is exempt from the seminar requirement if that person has successfully completed a gang education seminar conducted by a public school district which is substantially equivalent to the seminar required under the bill's provisions. The bill also authorizes the Commissioner of Education, in addition to the Attorney General, to designate a facility for a seminar.

According to the National Alliance of Gang Investigators' Associations, the problem of gang involvement today is more pervasive than at any time in history, crossing all socioeconomic, ethnic, and racial boundaries. In our schools, street gangs foster crime, intimidate students, and very often ruin the lives of those teens seduced into joining.

The committee amended the bill to exempt from the seminar requirements a superintendent, assistant superintendent, principal or other administrator who has successfully completed a substantially equivalent gang education seminar.

As amended and reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 1748, which also was amended and reported by the committee on this date.

FISCAL NOTE
 [Second Reprint]
ASSEMBLY, No. 1973
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
212th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JULY 9, 2007

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Requires Office of Attorney General to provide annual gang education seminars for school administrators.

Type of Impact: Minimal Expenditure increase. General Fund.

Agencies Affected: Department of Law and Public Safety; Department of Education

Executive Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
State Cost	\$222,596	\$169,772	\$178,011

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
State Cost	Minimal Expenditure		

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) **does not concur** with the Executive estimate. The OLS estimates that the provisions of this bill would be a minimal expenditure to the State noting that the Department of Law and Public Safety has many tools already in place to effectuate this bill.
- Requires the Attorney General, in coordination with the Commissioner of Education, to develop and maintain seminars to teach educators to spot signs of gang activity and student involvement in gangs.
- Specifies these gang education and recognition seminars be taught annually in each New Jersey county.

BILL DESCRIPTION

Assembly Bill No. 1973 (2R) of 2006 requires the Attorney General, in coordination with the Commissioner of Education, to develop and maintain seminars to teach educators to spot signs of gang activity and student involvement in gangs.

The bill requires that at least one seminar be held annually in each county. While these seminars would be open to all public and private school administrators, they are mandatory for all public school administrators. The bill authorizes the Commissioner of Education, in addition to the Attorney General, to designate a facility for a seminar.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

The Division of Criminal Justice in the Department of Law and Public Safety provided a fiscal estimate that projected that the enactment of this bill would cost \$222,596 in the first year.

In order to establish this program, the division would need an increase in staff under this legislation. This figure includes the salary for one full-time Administrative Analyst and one full-time Management Assistant, at \$116,457; fringe benefits at \$40,469; materials and supplies, at \$15,000; and other initial set-up equipment, at \$50,670. The division estimated the cost of this bill at \$169,772 and \$178,011 in the second and third years, respectively.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS does not concur with the Executive estimate. The OLS estimates that the provisions of this bill would be a minimal expenditure to the State noting that the Department of Law and Public Safety has many tools already in place to effectuate this bill.

The OLS determines that the Department of Law and Public Safety currently has the information and resources needed to conduct this gang awareness training program for school administrators.

The Street Gang Bureau, established in 1993, in the Division of Criminal Justice currently has information published on the Department of Law and Public Safety Web site regarding how to recognize gang related signs as well as other anti-gang related information. The Web site further notes that bureau serves as the primary state law enforcement liaison with New Jersey's 21 counties, and maintains regional offices in northern and southern New Jersey.

Additionally, the Web site notes that the Division of State Police currently provides training to anti-gang task forces on gang awareness, street gang recognition and investigative techniques.

Section: Law and Public Safety

Analyst: Kristin A. Brunner
Associate Fiscal Analyst

Approved: David J. Rosen
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer

This fiscal note has been prepared pursuant to P.L. 1980, c.67.

SENATE, No. 1748

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 212th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 21, 2006

Sponsored by:

Senator LEONARD T. CONNORS, JR.

District 9 (Atlantic, Burlington and Ocean)

Senator JOHN A. GIRGENTI

District 35 (Bergen and Passaic)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senator Karcher

SYNOPSIS

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