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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE SUBSTITUTE NO. 1  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 49

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 14 AND 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SCHOOL SAFETY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

1 Section 1. Amend Chapter 23, Title 14 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and  
2 insertions as shown by underlining as follows:

3 § 2306. Safety features in new school construction or major renovations.

4 (a) For purposes of this section:

5 (1) "Major Renovation" means a renovation project with costs equal to or greater than the threshold amount  
6 established for a Major Capital Improvement Program project under Section 401 of Title 14 of the Delaware  
7 Administrative Code.

8 (b) Whenever a new school is constructed or a major renovation undertaken, the construction or renovation must  
9 include at a minimum the following:

10 (1) Secured vestibule, which serves as the primary entrance to screen visitors, equipped with an intercom or  
11 video call box and interior doors that can be electronically released by school staff.

12 (2) Ballistic resistant glass or other ballistic resistant materials in all vestibule, lobby, and office areas used to  
13 screen visitors.

14 (3) Classroom doors that can be locked from the outside using a key or magnetic card locking system.  
15 Classroom doors that can be locked from both sides must comply with the requirements under the current edition of the  
16 Delaware State Fire Prevention Regulations or the current edition of the National Fire Protection Association, Life  
17 Safety Code 101.

18 (4) Installation of a panic button or intruder alert system that is capable of being activated from the school  
19 office and a handheld device.

20           (c) The Comprehensive School Safety Program (CSSP) and Department of Education shall provide emerging best  
21 practices for ballistic and alarm capabilities to school districts and the Office of Management and Budget Division of  
22 Facilities Management annually.

23           Section 2. Amend § 6307A, Title 29 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strikethrough and  
24 insertions as shown by underline as follows:

25           § 6307A. Facilities Management.

26           (5) Make such studies and provide such information as shall cause the selection of the best cost/performance  
27 components that will satisfy a particular function; ~~and~~

28           (6) Review and make recommendations regarding the operation, maintenance and efficiency of the physical  
29 plant of state facilities; ~~and~~

30           (7) Coordinate a review of construction plans with the Department of Safety and Homeland Security to  
31 evaluate the safety and security of newly constructed and renovated schools through the application of Crime  
32 Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles and to verify compliance with the requirements of §  
33 2306 of Title 14.

34           Section 3. This Act takes effect on January 1 following its enactment into law and shall not be applicable to  
35 projects in which the certificate of necessity has been provided by the Department of Education on or before the effective  
36 date of this Act.

37           Section 4. This Act is known as the “Representative Joseph E. Miro School Safety Act.”

#### SYNOPSIS

This Act requires all new school construction and schools undergoing major renovations to incorporate the following safety features: a secured vestibule to be used as the primary entrance to screen visitors, installation of ballistic resistant glass or other ballistic resistant materials in all areas used to screen visitors, installation of a panic button or intruder alert system, and classroom doors that can be locked on the outside with a key or magnetic card locking system. Further, the Act provides that the Office of Management and Budget Facilities Management Section shall coordinate a review of construction plans with the Department of Homeland Security to verify compliance with this Act and evaluate the security and safety of new schools and schools planning major renovations. This Act shall be known as the “Representative Joseph E. Miro School Safety Act.”

This bill is a substitute for and differs from House Bill 49 by using industry standard terms, requiring the installation of a panic button or intruder alert system, requiring that the Department of Education and Comprehensive School Safety Program annually provide best practices for ballistic and alarm capabilities to school districts and Facilities Management, and ensuring compliance with fire prevention regulations.