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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
147th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL NO. 33

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SILENT ALARM SYSTEMS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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

1 Section 1. Amend §4109, Title 14 of the Delaware Code by making insertions as shown by underlining and deletions as  
2 shown by strikethrough as follows:

3 § 4109. School property; health and safety requirements.

4 (a) Every public school shall be equipped with an adequate number of fire extinguishers and shall hold a fire  
5 drill at least once every month while the school is in session.

6 (b) Every public school shall be equipped with a silent alarm system that may be manually activated in an  
7 emergency from at least one location within the public school. The silent alarm system shall be linked to local law  
8 enforcement authorities and shall immediately transmit a signal to such authorities when activated. The alarm shall  
9 not be audible within the school building.

10 ~~(b)(c)~~ Each board of education shall see that the requirements of subsections (a) and (b) of this section are  
11 complied with in the schools under their respective jurisdictions.

12 ~~(c)(d)~~ Where an area of real property which is owned or administered by a school district is bounded by a wall, fence  
13 or other structure which has gates or other lockable entrances, the local board of education shall notify the nearest providers  
14 of ambulance, fire and police services of the location of such gates and entrances. The local board of education shall  
15 provide to the ambulance service, fire company or police department a key of each such enclosed area with the board's  
16 jurisdiction. For purposes of this subsection, the words "real property" shall include all unimproved land only and shall not  
17 include buildings.

SYNOPSIS

This Act requires each public school district to equip the schools within their respective jurisdictions with an adequate number of panic buttons that may be used to immediately alert local law enforcement authorities of a security threat at a school. Once activated, the required silent alarm system will immediately alert authorities without simultaneously activating an audible alarm within the school building.