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Introduced by M. of A. ESPAILLAT, V. LOPEZ, WEISENBERG -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. TOWNS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to authorizing the city school district of the city of New York to install school safety alarms and intruder detection systems in senior high schools

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 2801-a of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 6-a to read as follows:

6-A. A. IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION, THE CHANCELLOR OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK SHALL ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT ADDITIONAL POLICIES, WHICH ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S DISTRICT-WIDE SCHOOL SAFETY PLANS AND BUILDING-LEVEL SCHOOL SAFETY PLANS, FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MONITORING OF SCHOOL SAFETY ALARMS AND INTRUDER DETECTION SYSTEMS IN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS. THE CHANCELLOR SHALL PRESCRIBE SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE PURCHASE, INSTALLATION, MONITORING, AND MAINTENANCE OF SUCH SYSTEMS.

B. SUCH SCHOOL SAFETY ALARMS AND INTRUDER DETECTION SYSTEMS SHALL AT A MINIMUM INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING FEATURES:

(I) A SELECTIVELY AUDIBLE OR SILENT ALARM SYSTEM FOR ALERTING APPROPRIATE SECURITY PERSONNEL OR ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL TO ANY UNAUTHORIZED OPENING OF AN EXTERIOR DOOR FOR INGRESS TO OR EGRESS FROM A SCHOOL BUILDING;

(II) VIDEO CAMERA SURVEILLANCE AND MONITORING OF EXTERIOR ENTRANCES AND EXITS VIEWABLE FROM A CENTRAL LOCATION;

(III) AN ELECTRONIC MONITORING PANEL THAT INDICATES, AT A MINIMUM, THE LOCATION OF ANY DOOR THAT HAS BEEN OPENED AND THE DATE AND TIME OF THE OPENING;

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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(IV) A MONTHLY REPORT INDICATING THE NUMBER OF TIMES, DATES, AND TIMES OF UNAUTHORIZED OPENINGS OF EXTERIOR DOORS; AND

(V) A SYSTEM OVERRIDE DEVICE TO DISABLE THE ALARM WHEN THE EXTERIOR DOORS ARE BEING UTILIZED FOR AUTHORIZED PURPOSES.

C. SECURITY PERSONNEL SHALL APPROPRIATELY INVESTIGATE ANY ACTIVATION OF SUCH ALARMS AND SYSTEMS AND KEEP A DOCUMENTED RECORD OF ANY UNAUTHORIZED OPENING OF THE EXTERIOR SCHOOL BUILDING DOORS. A COPY OF SUCH RECORD SHALL BE FORWARDED TO THE CHANCELLOR OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ON A MONTHLY BASIS FOR THE CHANCELLOR'S INSPECTION. THE APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL SHALL ALSO CONDUCT DRILLS AND OTHER EXERCISES TO TEST COMPONENTS OF THE ALARMS AND SYSTEMS A MINIMUM OF FOUR TIMES EACH SCHOOL YEAR.

D. EACH SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL SHALL REPORT TO THE CHANCELLOR TWICE YEARLY ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE INTRUDER DETECTION SYSTEMS IN THE HIGH SCHOOL UNDER HIS OR HER JURISDICTION WITH INFORMATION INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE FREQUENCY OF THE ALARMS, REPORTS ON INTRUDERS AND THE OUTCOME OF ANY INCIDENTS, AND HOW THE SYSTEM HAS DECREASED TRUANCY AND INCREASED SAFETY.

E. THE CHANCELLOR OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK SHALL PROMULGATE SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBDIVISION AND SHALL DEVISE AND MAINTAIN STANDARDS FOR SUCH SYSTEMS, AS WELL AS A STANDARD PROTOCOL FOR SCHOOLS TO RESPOND TO ANY ALERTS OF INTRUDERS AND STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL IN THE EVENT OF AN INTRUDER ALERT.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of September next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law; provided, however that effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date is authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.