

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. NOLAN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the development of school bus safety and security policies and procedures

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Paragraphs k and l of subdivision 2 of section 2801-a of  
2 the education law, as amended by section 1 of part B of chapter 54 of  
3 the laws of 2016, are amended and a new paragraph m is added to read as  
4 follows:

5 k. a description of the duties of hall monitors and any other school  
6 safety personnel, the training required of all personnel acting in a  
7 school security capacity, and the hiring and screening process for all  
8 personnel acting in a school security capacity; ~~and~~

9 l. the designation of the superintendent, or superintendent's designee,  
10 as the district chief emergency officer responsible for coordinating  
11 communication between school staff and law enforcement and first  
12 responders, and ensuring staff understanding of the district-level safety  
13 plan. The chief emergency officer shall also be responsible for  
14 ensuring the completion and yearly updating of building-level emergency  
15 response plans~~[-]~~; and

16 m. policies and procedures relating to school bus safety and security,  
17 including:

18 (i) policies and procedures for responding to implied or direct  
19 threats of violence by or against students, school bus personnel, other  
20 school personnel, or other persons that involve a school bus or school  
21 transportation facility;

22 (ii) protocols for responding to acts of violence by or against  
23 students, school bus personnel, other school personnel, or other persons  
24 that involve a school bus or school transportation facility;

25 (iii) protocols for responding to emergency situations that involve a  
26 school bus or school transportation facility;

27 (iv) policies and procedures for annual school bus safety training for  
28 staff and students;

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

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1 (v) policies and procedures relating to an annual security review of  
2 each bus garage or other school district transportation facility.

3 § 2. Subdivision 4 of section 2801-a of the education law, as amended  
4 by section 1 of part B of chapter 54 of the laws of 2016, is amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 4. Each district-wide school safety team shall be appointed by the  
7 board of education, or the chancellor in the case of the city school  
8 district of the city of New York, and shall include but not be limited  
9 to representatives of the school board, teacher, administrator, and  
10 parent organizations, school safety personnel, bus drivers and other  
11 school transportation personnel, and other school personnel. At the  
12 discretion of the board of education, or the chancellor in the case of  
13 the city of New York, a student may be allowed to participate on the  
14 safety team, provided however, that no portion of a confidential build-  
15 ing-level emergency response plan shall be shared with such student nor  
16 shall such student be present where details of a confidential building-  
17 level emergency response plan or confidential portions of a district-  
18 wide emergency response strategy are discussed. Each building-level  
19 emergency response team shall be appointed by the building principal, in  
20 accordance with regulations or guidelines prescribed by the board of  
21 education, chancellor or other governing body. Such building-level teams  
22 shall include but not be limited to representatives of teacher, adminis-  
23 trator, and parent organizations, school safety personnel, bus drivers  
24 and other school transportation personnel, and other school personnel,  
25 community members, law enforcement officials, fire officials or other  
26 emergency response agencies, and any other representatives the board of  
27 education, chancellor or other governing body deems appropriate.

28 § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
29 it shall have become a law.