

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. ORTT -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to providing building aid for school security and safety improvements

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 6-c of section 3602 of the education law, as
2 amended by chapter 1 of the laws of 2013, paragraph b as amended by
3 section 23 of part YY of chapter 59 of the laws of 2017, is amended to
4 read as follows:

5 6-c. a. Building aid for metal detectors, security and safety improve-
6 ments, and safety devices for electrically operated partitions, room
7 dividers and doors. In addition to the apportionments payable to a
8 school district pursuant to subdivision six of this section, the commis-
9 sioner is hereby authorized to apportion to any school district addi-
10 tional building aid pursuant to this subdivision for its approved
11 expenditures in the base year for the purchase of stationary metal
12 detectors, security cameras, school security and safety improvements,
13 and safety devices for electrically operated partitions and room divid-
14 ers required pursuant to section four hundred nine-f of this chapter, or
15 other security devices approved by the commissioner that increase the
16 safety of students and school personnel, provided, however, that funds
17 apportioned to school districts pursuant to this section shall not
18 supplant funds for existing district expenditures or for existing
19 contractual obligations of the district for stationary metal detectors,
20 security cameras, school security and safety improvements, and partition
21 and room divider safety devices, or security devices. Portable or hand
22 held metal detectors shall not be eligible for aid pursuant to this
23 subdivision. Such additional aid shall equal the product of the building
24 aid ratio computed for use in the current year pursuant to paragraph c
25 of subdivision six of this section and the actual approved expenditures
26 incurred in the base year pursuant to this subdivision, provided that
27 the limitations on cost allowances prescribed by paragraph a of subdivi-
28 sion six of this section shall not apply. The commissioner shall annual-

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

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1 ly prescribe a special cost allowance for metal detectors, and security
2 cameras, and the approved expenditures shall not exceed such cost allow-
3 ance. The commissioner shall annually prescribe a special cost allowance
4 for partition and room divider safety devices, and the approved expendi-
5 tures shall not exceed such cost allowance.

6 b. For projects approved by the commissioner authorized to receive
7 additional building aid pursuant to this subdivision for the purchase of
8 stationary metal detectors, security cameras or other security devices
9 approved by the commissioner that increase the safety of students and
10 school personnel, provided that for purposes of this paragraph such
11 other security devices shall be limited to electronic security systems
12 and hardened doors, and provided that for projects approved by the
13 commissioner on or after the first day of July two thousand thirteen
14 ~~[and before the first day of July two thousand eighteen]~~ and thereafter
15 such additional aid shall equal the product of (i) the building aid
16 ratio computed for use in the current year pursuant to paragraph c of
17 subdivision six of this section plus ten percentage points, except that
18 in no case shall this amount exceed one hundred percent, and (ii) the
19 actual approved expenditures incurred in the base year pursuant to this
20 subdivision, provided that the limitations on cost allowances prescribed
21 by paragraph a of subdivision six of this section shall not apply, and
22 provided further that any projects aided under this paragraph must be
23 included in a district's school safety plan. The commissioner shall
24 annually prescribe a special cost allowance for metal detectors, and
25 security cameras, and the approved expenditures shall not exceed such
26 cost allowance.

27 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.