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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring panic alarms in schools

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

1 Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 409-m
2 to read as follows:

3 § 409-m. Installation of panic alarms in schools. 1. As used in this
4 section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

5 (a) "Emergency light" means a red light that is affixed to the exteri-
6 or of a school building in a highly visible location above or near the
7 front entrance or, in the case of a school building which is not clearly
8 visible from the nearest public roadway, located on that public roadway.

9 (b) "Panic alarm" means a silent security system signal generated by
10 the manual activation of a device intended to signal a life-threatening
11 or emergency situation requiring a response from law enforcement.

12 2. Each public elementary and secondary school building shall be
13 equipped with at least one panic alarm for use in a school security
14 emergency including, but not limited to, a non-fire evacuation, lock-
15 down, or active shooter situation. The alarm shall be directly linked to
16 local law enforcement authorities or, in the case of a school building
17 located in a municipality in which there is no municipal police depart-
18 ment, a location designated by the superintendent of state police, and
19 shall immediately transmit a signal or message to such authorities upon
20 activation. The alarm shall not be audible within the school building.

21 3. Each public elementary and secondary school building shall be
22 equipped with an emergency light that is linked to the school's panic
23 alarm and which turns on when the panic alarm is activated.

24 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
25 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-
26 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-
27 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and
28 completed on or before such effective date.

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

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