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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring the installation of a master key box at each school building for building access by law enforcement and emergency responders

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

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

§ 409-o. Master key box. 1. Not later than June thirtieth, two thousand twenty-seven, the board of education, trustees, principal or other person in charge of every public or private school or educational institution within the state shall arrange for, require, and install one exterior secure master key box in each school building it operates to permit emergency access to both law enforcement agencies and emergency responders from an exterior location designated by the local law enforcement authorities. Each district or school shall collaborate with law enforcement to include in the master key box all of the following:

(a) Master external and internal keys;

(b) Access cards;

(c) Maps of the school buildings.

2. Each master key box shall meet the standard for antitheft alarms and devices as prescribed under the underwriters laboratories standard UL 1037.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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