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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 9 of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of 2023, 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

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

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1 incurred in the base year pursuant to this subdivision, provided that
2 the limitations on cost allowances prescribed by paragraph a of subdivi-
3 sion six of this section shall not apply. The commissioner shall annual-
4 ly prescribe a special cost allowance for metal detectors, and security
5 cameras, and the approved expenditures shall not exceed such cost allow-
6 ance. The commissioner shall annually prescribe a special cost allowance
7 for partition and room divider safety devices, and the approved expendi-
8 tures shall not exceed such cost allowance.

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

29 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.