SENATE, No. 2456 **STATE OF NEW JERSEY** 218th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Permits school district superintendent to designate school employee with certain expertise as school safety specialist.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning school safety specialists and amending 2 P.L.2017, c.162. 3 4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State 5 of New Jersey: 6 7 1. Section 2 of P.L.2017, c.162 (C.18A17-43.3) is amended to 8 read as follows: 9 2. The superintendent in each school district shall designate a 10 school administrator, or a school employee with expertise in school 11 safety and security, as a school safety specialist for the district. The 12 school safety specialist shall: be responsible for the supervision and 13 oversight for all school safety and security personnel, policies, and 14 procedures in the school district; ensure that these policies and 15 procedures are in compliance with State law and regulations; and 16 provide the necessary training and resources to school district staff 17 in matters relating to school safety and security. The school safety specialist shall also serve as the school district liaison with local 18 19 law enforcement and national, State, and community agencies and 20 organizations in matters of school safety and security. 21 (cf: P.L.2017, c.162, s.2) 22 23 2. This act shall take effect immediately. 24 25 26 **STATEMENT** 27 Under current law, a school district superintendent must 28 29 designate a school administrator as a school safety specialist for the 30 school district. The school safety specialist must complete the 31 School Safety Specialist Certification Program developed by the 32 New Jersey School Safety Specialist Academy in the Department of 33 Education. The school safety specialist will: be responsible for the 34 supervision and oversight for all school safety and security 35 personnel, policies, and procedures in the school district; ensure 36 that these policies and procedures are in compliance with State law 37 and regulations; and provide the necessary training and resources to 38 school district staff in matters relating to school safety and security. 39 The school safety specialist will also serve as the school district 40 liaison with local law enforcement and national, State, and 41 community agencies and organizations in matters of school safety 42 and security. 43 This bill permits the school district superintendent to designate 44 either a school administrator, or a school employee with expertise 45 in school safety and security, as the school safety specialist for the 46 school district.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in **bold-faced** brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.