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Introduced by Sen. CARLUCCI -- read twice and
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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 Assem-
bly, 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
9 on that public roadway.

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

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

34 3. Each public elementary and secondary
35 school building shall be
36 equipped with an emergency light that is linked
37 to the school's panic
38 alarm and which turns on when the panic alarm is
39 activated.

40 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one
41 hundred eightieth day after
42 it shall have become a law. Effective
43 immediately, the addition, amend-
44 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation
45 necessary for the implemen-
46 tation of this act on its effective date are
47 authorized to be made and
48 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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