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# Senator Polistina Introduces Bill to Increase Law Enforcement Presence in Schools

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## Bill Would Allow for County Sheriffs to Hire Class III Officers for School Security

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“As our children prepare to return to the classroom, parents shouldn’t be losing sleep with concerns about the safety of their kids,” explained Polistina (R-Atlantic). “Many New Jersey towns do not have local police departments that can place an officer within their schools. Under this legislation, a County Sheriff could hire a retired police officer to work within the schools, during the class day and events, to ensure the highest quality of safety and security.”

Polistina noted that his bill ([S-3037](#)) has bipartisan support and Senator Vin Gopal (D-11) has signed on as a sponsor.

“I am proud Senator Gopal chose to join me as a co-sponsor of this important bill, and I encourage all 40 members of the Senate to do the same. When it comes to the safety and security of our schools and children, there is no room for partisanship.”

