**Section 1309-B. School Safety And Security Coordinator.**

(a) **Appointment.** -- The chief school administrator of a school entity shall appoint a school

administrator as the school safety and security coordinator for the school entity. The appointment

shall be made not later than August 31, 2018.

(b) **General duties**. -- The school safety and security coordinator shall oversee all school police

officers, school resource officers, school security guards and policies and procedures in the school

entity and report directly to the chief school administrator. As used in this subsection, the terms

"school police officer," "school resource officer" and "school security guard" shall have the

meanings given to them in section 1301-C.

(c**) Specific duties**. -- The school safety and security coordinator shall:

(1) Review the school entity's policies and procedures relative to school safety and security

and compliance with Federal and State laws regarding school safety and security.

(2) Coordinate training and resources for students and school entity staff in matters relating

to situational awareness, trauma-informed education awareness, behavioral health

awareness, suicide and bullying awareness, substance abuse awareness and emergency

procedures and training drills, including fire, natural disaster, active shooter, hostage

situation and bomb threat.

(3) Coordinate school safety and security assessments as necessary.

(4) Serve as the school entity liaison with the committee, the department, law enforcement

and other organizations on matters of school safety and security.

(5) Make a report no later than June 30, 2019, and each June 30 thereafter, to the school

entity's board of directors on the school entity's current safety and security practices that

identify strategies to improve school safety and security. The report shall be presented to the

school entity's board of directors at an executive session of the school entity's board of

directors. The report shall be submitted to the committee and shall not be subject to the act

of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know Law.

(6) Coordinate a tour of the school entity's buildings and grounds biennially or when a

building is first occupied or reconfigured with the law enforcement agencies and first

responders that are primarily responsible for protecting and securing the school entity to

discuss and coordinate school safety and security matters.

As the administrator responsible for coordinating school safety and security assessments as necessary,

coordinators should review these criteria, and review the school entity’s policies and procedures relative

to school safety and security to ensure compliance with Federal and State laws regarding school safety

and security. The coordinator should work with his or her chief school administrator and governing

board to determine what type of assessment may be beneficial to the school entity.

If a school entity decides to undergo a school safety and security assessment with an external assessor,

school entities should consider whether or not the proposed assessor is registered with the Committee

pursuant to Section 1304-B of Act 44. The coordinator should also act as the point of contact for any

assessment conducted by an external assessor (e.g., Pennsylvania State Police, registered assessor, etc.).

Please note that this criterion is written so that a school entity with limited resources could opt to

perform a self-assessment of their safety and security. However, the Committee and Workgroups

recommend that external assessors or qualified professionals employed outside of the school entity

(e.g., professionals from a neighboring school entity or intermediate unit) should be utilized to assist in

the assessment. A registry of these qualified individuals established by the Committee, is continuously updated and is available online at [Provider Registry](https://schoolsafetyregistry.pccd.pa.gov/#/).