



Pennsylvania
**Commission on Crime
and Delinquency**

Act 47 of 2025 School Safety Provisions

New Responsibilities Related to Coordination between School-Based Threat Assessment Teams and Relevant Law Enforcement Agencies

Q&A Guidance

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About this document:

This document provides an overview of questions and answers regarding portions of [Act 47 of 2025](#) enacted in the FY 2025-26 state budget which includes several school safety-related amendments. This document specifically relates to newly added language under [Section 1319-B\(d\)\(4\)](#). Responses will be provided as PCCD staff are able to process questions.

Have a Specific Question that Isn't Covered by the Responses Below?

Please contact PCCD staff at RA-CD-SSSC@pa.gov with "Act 47 School Safety" in the subject line.

1. What are the new MOU changes under Act 47 of 2025?

Under [Act 47](#), the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) executed between a school entity and any law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over school property must now include “(4) A procedure for timely coordination between the school entity’s threat assessment team and the law enforcement agency, if necessary, pursuant to section 1302-E. ((4) added Nov. 12, 2025, P.L.244, No.47)”.

2. What does “timely coordination” mean?

The term “timely coordination” is not defined in statute, but it is helpful to be aware of the language used under Section 1302-E of the PA Public School Code that directs actions of school-based threat assessment teams, and states, “Imminent threats and emergencies shall be *promptly* reported to a law enforcement agency” [emphasis added]. In general, these provisions are intended to ensure that school-based threat assessment teams and law enforcement agencies with jurisdiction work together promptly whenever a potential threat is identified. This includes, but is not limited to, protocols for notification of law enforcement to quickly address imminent threats that pose an immediate risk to life or safety, as well as other protocols for coordination and information sharing.

3. When is coordination with law enforcement “necessary”?

School entities should consult with their local solicitors for specific guidance and legal interpretation regarding this provision. However, in general, coordination with law enforcement is necessary whenever a situation poses an immediate or significant threat to life, safety, or criminal conduct. In addition, the MOU outlines provisions, in accordance with Pennsylvania state law, requiring immediate notification to law enforcement for offenses listed under Section 1319-B(b)(7) of the PA Public School Code occurring on school property. Coordination between law enforcement and the threat assessment team may also be necessary when information sharing is needed in order to assess a student’s behavior that may indicate a threat to the safety of the student, other students, school employees, school facilities, the community, or others.

4. How should the MOU be updated?

School entities should work with the law enforcement agencies with jurisdiction over their school property to review their currently executed MOU(s) and determine whether updates are necessary to fulfill these new statutory requirements. School entities and law enforcement agencies may determine the appropriate area of the MOU to include the new procedure for timely coordination between the school entity’s threat assessment team and the law enforcement agency. School entities must submit a re-executed MOU, which addresses this provision, with the PA Department of Education on or before June 30, 2026. PCCD and PDE are working to develop updated regulations, including an updated model MOU, pursuant to Section 1306.2-B(b) of the School Code. These regulations are expected to be finalized later in 2026 and published in the Pennsylvania Code when promulgated.

5. What resources are available to help schools comply?

PCCD’s School Safety and Security Committee has made [training and technical assistance resources](#) available at no cost to school entities to assist them with implementing K-12 Threat Assessment Teams, as required under Article XIII-E of the PA Public School Code. PDE maintains a copy of the [Model Memorandum of Understanding with Law Enforcement Agency](#) and provides [resources for the annual reporting of school safety incidents](#).

6. When are school entities required to submit the updated MOU?

All schools must file the updated MOU with the PA Department of Education on or before June 30, 2026.

7. When the new regulations are finalized, will school entities be required to immediately re-submit a new MOU?

PCCD and PDE are working to develop updated regulations, including an updated model MOU, pursuant to Section 1306.2-B(b) of the School Code. These regulations are expected to be finalized later in 2026 and published in the Pennsylvania Code when promulgated. School entities will be required to re-execute and submit a new MOU consistent with the biennial schedule required by law and not immediately upon promulgation of the new regulations.

8. Do all signatures on the MOU need to be updated?

The MOU documents should be re-executed with the appropriate law enforcement agency/ies (e.g., those with jurisdiction over school property), which includes acquiring signatures from all designated parties.

9. Should schools adopt new or revised policies or procedures?

Schools are encouraged to review these new requirements and consider whether any policies or procedures should be adopted or revised to address the new requirement for a “procedure for timely coordination between the school entity’s threat assessment team and the law enforcement agency, if necessary, pursuant to section 1302-E.”