

**ASSEMBLY, No. 458**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**214th LEGISLATURE**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Permits a child who moves out of a school district due to a family crisis to remain enrolled in that district until the end of the school year.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



1 AN ACT concerning eligibility for attendance in a school district  
2 and supplementing chapter 38 of Title 18A of the New Jersey  
3 Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of N.J.S.18A:38-1 or any  
9 other law, rule or regulation to the contrary, a child who moves out  
10 of a school district as a result of domestic violence, sexual abuse or  
11 other family crises shall be permitted to remain enrolled in that  
12 district for the remainder of the school year. If the child remains  
13 enrolled in the district for the remainder of the school year, the  
14 school district shall provide transportation services to the child,  
15 provided the child lives remote from school, and the State shall pay  
16 the cost of the transportation services.

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18 2. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules pursuant  
19 to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-  
20 1 et seq.), to effectuate the provisions of this act. The rules shall  
21 include family crisis situations, other than those listed in section 1  
22 of this act, which shall permit a child to remain enrolled in the  
23 school district.

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25 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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28 STATEMENT

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30 This bill provides that if a child moves out of a school district as  
31 a result of domestic violence, sexual abuse or other family crisis,  
32 the child must have the option of remaining enrolled in that district  
33 until the end of the school year. If the child remains enrolled in the  
34 district for the remainder of the school year, the school district will  
35 be responsible for providing transportation services to the child,  
36 provided the child lives remote from the school. The State will be  
37 responsible for paying the cost of the transportation services. An  
38 elementary school pupil lives remote from school if he lives more  
39 than two miles from the school and a secondary school pupil lives  
40 remote from school if he lives more than 2 1/2 miles from the  
41 school.