

# SENATE, No. 3105

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 214th LEGISLATURE

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**Senator LORETTA WEINBERG**  
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### **SYNOPSIS**

Requires medical examination and submission of student work portfolios for home-schooled children; provides that children under supervision of DYFS may not be home-schooled.

### **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning home-schooled children and supplementing  
2 chapter 38 and chapter 40 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. A parent or guardian of a home-schooled child shall:  
9 a. submit to the superintendent of the resident school district  
10 no later than August 1 of each school year a letter informing the  
11 superintendent of the decision to home-school the child for that  
12 school year. The letter shall include the name and date of birth of  
13 the child, and the name of the person who will provide instruction  
14 to the child; and

15 b. submit to the resident school district no later than June 30 of  
16 each school year a portfolio of records and materials including, but  
17 not limited to, a list of reading materials used, and samples of  
18 writings, worksheets, workbooks, or creative materials used or  
19 developed to assess the reading, writing, and computational skills of  
20 the student.

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22 2. A parent or guardian of a home-schooled child shall provide  
23 documentation to the resident district board of education no later  
24 than September 1 of each school year that the child has undergone  
25 an annual medical examination.

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27 3. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any  
28 child under the care, custody or supervision of the Division of  
29 Youth and Family Services, including a child placed in a resource  
30 family home or in a kinship care home, shall not be home-schooled  
31 and shall be enrolled in a public or nonpublic school, unless the  
32 child's home-schooling is approved by the division.

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34 4. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules and  
35 regulations pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"  
36 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), which are necessary to  
37 effectuate the provisions of sections 1 and 2 of this act.

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39 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

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42 STATEMENT

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44 This bill requires the parent of a home-schooled child to provide  
45 certain information to the resident school district each school year.  
46 Under the bill, the parent must submit to the superintendent of the  
47 resident school district by August 1 of each school year a letter  
48 informing the superintendent of the decision to home-school the

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1 child for that school year. The letter must include the name and date  
2 of birth of the child, and the name of the person who will provide  
3 instruction to the child. The parent must also submit to the resident  
4 school district by June 30 of each school year a portfolio of student  
5 records and materials used to assess the reading, writing, and  
6 computational skills of the student.

7 Under the bill, the parent of a home-schooled child must also  
8 provide documentation to the resident district board of education by  
9 September 1 of each school year that the child has undergone an  
10 annual medical examination.

11 The bill also provides that any child under the care, custody or  
12 supervision of the Division of Youth and Family Services,  
13 including a child placed in a resource family home or in a kinship  
14 care home, may not be home-schooled unless the child's home-  
15 schooling is approved by the division.