

# ASSEMBLY, No. 4225

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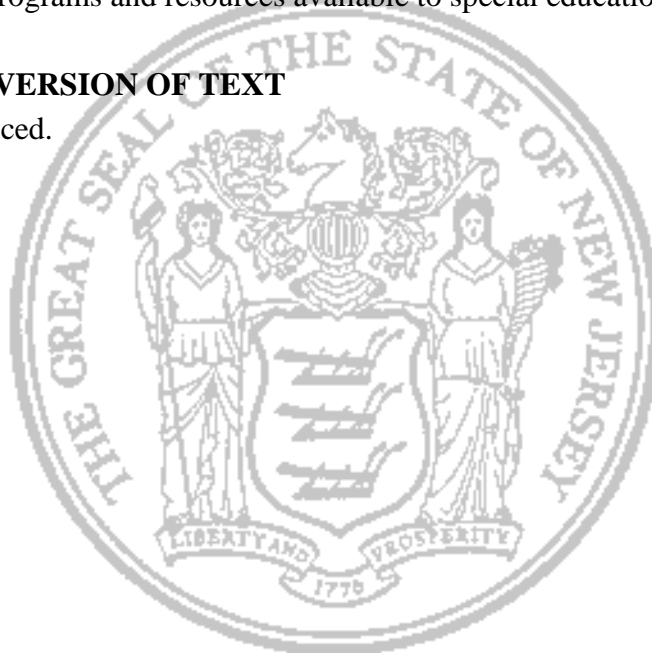
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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires DOE to establish comprehensive searchable website concerning educational programs and resources available to special education students.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning students with disabilities and supplementing  
2 chapter 46 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

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7 1. a. The Department of Education shall establish and maintain  
8 a comprehensive website concerning educational programs and  
9 resources available for students classified as eligible for special  
10 education programs and services. The purpose of the website shall  
11 be to provide current and complete information on disability  
12 resources in one location that is easily accessible to the public. The  
13 website shall include, but not be limited to, information on the  
14 following: approved in-State and out-of-State private schools for  
15 students with disabilities; other approved receiving schools that  
16 provide programs for students with disabilities, including  
17 educational services commissions, jointure commissions, regional  
18 day schools, county special services school districts, and public  
19 college operated programs for students with disabilities; special  
20 education programs operated by school districts that also serve out-  
21 of-district students; publicly or privately operated educational  
22 programs for special education students in the State that are  
23 specialized for particular disabilities; assistive technologies for  
24 students with disabilities; and support resources, including public  
25 and nonprofit organizations, that serve students with disabilities and  
26 their families.

27 b. The information contained on the website established under  
28 subsection a. of this section shall be electronically searchable by  
29 multiple criteria including keyword, type of disability, and  
30 geographic location of the educational program.

31 c. To assist in developing and maintaining the website, the  
32 department shall consult with the New Jersey State Special  
33 Education Advisory Council established pursuant to N.J.S.18A:46-  
34 2. The department shall work on a continuing basis with the  
35 council to ensure that the website contains complete and current  
36 information.

37 d. The website established by the department pursuant to this  
38 section shall be updated on at least an annual basis.

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40 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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46 maintain a comprehensive website concerning educational programs  
47 and resources available for students classified as eligible for special  
48 education programs and services. The website's purpose is to

1 provide current and complete information on disability resources in  
2 one easily accessible location.

3 Under the bill, the website will include, but is not limited to,  
4 information on the following: approved in-State and out-of-State  
5 private schools for students with disabilities; other approved  
6 receiving schools that provide programs for students with  
7 disabilities, including educational services commissions, jointure  
8 commissions, regional day schools, county special services school  
9 districts, and public college operated programs for students with  
10 disabilities; special education programs operated by school districts  
11 that also serve out-of-district students; publicly or privately  
12 operated educational programs for special education students in the  
13 State that are specialized for particular disabilities; assistive  
14 technologies for students with disabilities; and support resources,  
15 including public and nonprofit organizations, that serve students  
16 with disabilities and their families. The information on the website  
17 will be electronically searchable by multiple criteria including  
18 keyword, type of disability, and geographic location of the  
19 educational program.

20 The bill directs the department to consult with the New Jersey  
21 State Special Education Advisory Council to assist in developing  
22 and maintaining the website. The department will work with the  
23 council on a continuing basis to ensure that the website contains  
24 complete and current information. The website must be updated on  
25 at least an annual basis.