

**SENATE, No. 1126**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**218th LEGISLATURE**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires public school districts to provide instruction on "New Jersey Safe Haven Infant Protection Act" as part of New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the public school curriculum and  
2 supplementing chapter 35 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. Each board of education which operates an educational  
9 program for public school students in grades 9 through 12 shall  
10 provide information on the provisions of the "New Jersey Safe  
11 Haven Infant Protection Act," P.L.2000, c.58 (C.30:4C-15.5 et  
12 seq.). The instruction shall take place as part of the district's  
13 implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in  
14 Comprehensive Health and Physical Education.

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16 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to  
17 the 2018-2019 school year.

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#### STATEMENT

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23 educational program for public school students in grades 9 through  
24 12 to provide information on the provisions of the "New Jersey Safe  
25 Haven Infant Protection Act," P.L.2000, c.58. The bill specifies  
26 that the instruction will take place as part of the district's  
27 implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in  
28 Comprehensive Health and Physical Education beginning with the  
29 2018-2019 school year.

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31 Newborn infants are sometimes abandoned in life-threatening  
32 situations by parents under severe emotional stress. At times these  
33 parents are teens who are frightened and overwhelmed with dealing  
34 with an unanticipated pregnancy. Fostering awareness of the  
35 availability of a "safe haven" provided under the law may ultimately  
help to protect the life of a newborn.