

SENATE, No. 570

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SYNOPSIS

Requires Executive Branch departments or agencies to notify Legislature of completion of certain draft school district audit reports and submit copy of final report to Legislature.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



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1 AN ACT concerning school district audit reports and supplementing
2 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. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of any law, rule, or
8 regulation to the contrary, a department or agency of the Executive
9 Branch shall provide written notice to the Director of Public
10 Information in the Office of Legislative Services of the completion
11 of any draft report resulting from an audit of a school district
12 performed by the department or agency or by an external entity on
13 behalf of the department or agency provided that the draft is
14 considered a public record pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1963,
15 c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.). The department or agency shall provide
16 the notice within 30 days of the completion of the draft report by
17 the department or agency or submission of the draft report by the
18 external entity to the department or agency.

19 (2) The Director of Public Information in the Office of
20 Legislative Services shall notify the Secretary of the Senate, the
21 Clerk of the General Assembly, and the members of the Legislature
22 of the availability of such draft reports in accordance with
23 procedures established under the provisions of section 2 of
24 P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1). Upon request, the department or
25 agency shall provide a copy of the draft report.

26 b. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of any law, rule, or
27 regulation to the contrary, a department or agency of the Executive
28 Branch shall submit to the Legislature a final report resulting from
29 an audit of a school district performed by the department or agency
30 or by an external entity on behalf of the department or agency
31 pursuant to the provisions of section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-
32 19.1). The department or agency shall submit the report within 30
33 days of the completion of the final report by the department or
34 agency or submission of the final report by the external entity to the
35 department or agency.

36 (2) The Director of Public Information in the Office of
37 Legislative Services shall notify the Secretary of the Senate, the
38 Clerk of the General Assembly, and the members of the Legislature
39 of the availability of such final reports pursuant to the provisions of
40 section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1).

41 c. The provisions of this section shall not apply to an audit
42 report completed pursuant to N.J.S.18A:23-1.

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44 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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This bill requires that a department or agency of the Executive Branch notify the Director of Public Information in the Office of Legislative Services within 30 days of completion of any draft report which results from a school district audit, other than the required annual audit, provided that the report is considered a public record. The bill also requires that a department or agency of the Executive Branch submit any final report which results from a school district audit, other than the required annual audit, to the Legislature within 30 days of completion of the final report. Under the bill, the Director of Public Information must notify the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the General Assembly, and the members of the Legislature of the availability of the reports.