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SYNOPSIS

Requires executive county superintendent to provide financial and educational information regarding formation of all purpose regional school district to districts proposing a withdrawal from or dissolution of a limited purpose regional school district.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning regional school districts and amending
2 P.L.1975, c.360.

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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. Section 2 of P.L.1975, c.360 (C.18A:13-52) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 2. The executive county superintendent shall, within 60 days
10 after such request, file with the governing bodies of the
11 municipalities constituting the regional district and the boards of
12 education of all of the constituent school districts and the board of
13 education of the regional school district a report containing a
14 statement of the current assets and operating expenses of the
15 regional district for the then current year and such financial,
16 educational and other information as he may deem necessary to
17 enable said governing bodies and local boards of education and
18 regional board of education to form an intelligent judgment as to
19 the advisability of the proposed withdrawal or dissolution and the
20 effect thereof upon the educational and financial condition of the
21 withdrawing district and the regional district, or upon each of the
22 constituent districts in the event of a dissolution and setting forth
23 the amount of indebtedness, if any, to be assumed by the
24 withdrawing and the regional districts, or by each constituent
25 district in the event of a dissolution, calculated as hereinafter
26 provided. The report, in discussing the educational and financial
27 effect of the withdrawal or dissolution, shall include the effect
28 thereof upon the administrative and operational efficiencies, and the
29 resultant cost savings or cost increases, in the withdrawing and the
30 regional districts, or by each constituent district in the event of a
31 dissolution.

32 The report shall also include such financial, educational, and
33 other information as the executive county superintendent may deem
34 necessary for the governing bodies, the local boards of education,
35 and the regional board of education to form an intelligent judgment
36 as to the advisability of converting the limited purpose regional
37 district to an all purpose regional district, as an alternative to the
38 withdrawal from or dissolution of the limited purpose regional
39 district. The report, in discussing the educational and financial
40 effect of the conversion to an all purpose regional district, shall
41 include the effect thereof upon the administrative and operational
42 efficiencies, and the resultant cost savings or cost increases.

43 The executive county superintendent may require the constituent
44 municipalities and school districts and the regional district to
45 submit a feasibility study in order to determine the educational and

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

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1 financial impact of the withdrawal from, or dissolution of, the
2 limited purpose regional district. In the event the executive county
3 superintendent requests a feasibility study to be conducted, the
4 executive county superintendent's report required pursuant to this
5 section shall be filed within 60 days following submission of the
6 feasibility study.
7 (cf: P.L.2007, c.63, s.52)

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9 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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According to the procedures established by statute regarding the dissolution of a limited purpose regional school district or the withdrawal of a local district from a limited purpose regional school district, the executive county superintendent must file a report that contains such financial, educational, and other information as he deems necessary to enable the involved governing bodies of the municipalities constituting the regional district, the boards of education of all the constituent school districts, and the board of education of the regional district, to form an intelligent judgment on the advisability of the proposed withdrawal or dissolution. The report must also contain a statement of the current assets and operating expenses of the regional district for the current year. A limited purpose regional district is a regional district which is responsible for educating students of certain grade levels only. The other type of regional district is an all purpose regional, which is a regional district responsible for educating students of all ages within the district.

This bill recognizes that a possible alternative to the dissolution of or withdrawal from the limited purpose regional district is the formation of one all purpose regional district by the constituent districts of the limited purpose regional district. In order that the various municipal governing bodies and boards of education are able to form an intelligent judgment on the advisability of forming an all purpose regional district, the bill would require the executive county superintendent's report to also include information on the educational and financial effects of the conversion to an all purpose regional district.