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SYNOPSIS

Allows parent or guardian to exclude student from administration of certain assessments.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Education Committee on March 19, 2015, with amendments.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/27/2015)

1 AN ACT concerning the administration of certain assessments and
2 supplementing chapter 7C 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. As used in this act, “PARCC assessment” means the
9 assessments developed by the consortium of states known as the
10 Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers.

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12 2. a. No later than the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year,
13 each school district or charter school shall establish a procedure for
14 a parent or guardian of a public school student to provide written
15 notification that the student will not participate in the administration
16 of a PARCC assessment. To facilitate the parent or guardian’s
17 decision, the school district or charter school shall, no later than
18 September 30 of each school year, provide to the parent or guardian
19 of a student enrolled in the district or charter school information
20 regarding any PARCC assessment that is scheduled to be
21 administered to the student in that school year. The information
22 shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:

23 (1) the subject area of the assessment and the grade levels
24 covered by the standardized assessment;

25 (2) the date or dates on which the assessment will be
26 administered; and

27 (3) the manner in which the assessment results will be used,
28 including if the results may be used for placement in gifted and
29 talented programs, placement in other programs or interventions,
30 grade promotion, graduation, or any other district or school decision
31 affecting students.

32 The Commissioner of Education shall provide each school
33 district and charter school with a template of the information to be
34 provided pursuant to this subsection.

35 b. A parent or guardian of a student enrolled in a school district
36 or charter school shall provide written notification no later than 14
37 days prior to the administration of a PARCC assessment stating that
38 the PARCC assessment is not to be administered to the student.

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40 3. In the case of a student who does not participate in the
41 administration of a PARCC assessment pursuant to the provisions
42 of section 2 of this act, a school district or charter school shall
43 provide educationally appropriate ¹ungraded¹ alternative activities
44 ¹, or allow the student to engage in supervised reading or other self-
45 directed work,¹ during the time in which the assessment is being

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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AED committee amendments adopted March 19, 2015.

- 1 administered. Any ¹**[alternative]** such¹ activity shall not occur in
2 the same room in which the assessment is being administered. ¹In
3 the event that a student's regularly scheduled class is in session
4 during the administration of a PARCC assessment, then the student
5 shall be allowed to attend that class.¹
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- 7 4. Nothing in this act shall be construed to exempt a student
8 from the graduation requirements established pursuant to P.L.1979,
9 c.241 (C.18A:7C-1 et seq.).
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- 11 5. This act shall take effect immediately.