

SENATE, No. 1687

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SYNOPSIS

Permits students made homeless by act of terrorism or natural disaster to attend tuition-free the school district in which they resided prior to being homeless for two school years after the event.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning certain homeless students and supplementing
2 chapter 7B 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. Notwithstanding the provisions of N.J.S.18A:38-1, section
8 19 of P.L.1979, c.207 (C.18A:7B-12), or section 3 of P.L.1989,
9 c.290 (C.18A:7B-12.1), or any other section of law to the contrary,
10 any student who moves from one school district to another as a
11 result of being homeless due to an act of terrorism or due to a
12 natural disaster which results in the declaration of a State of
13 emergency or disaster by the State or by the federal government,
14 may continue to enroll in the school district in which the parent or
15 guardian last resided prior to becoming homeless for up to two full
16 school years after the act of terrorism or natural disaster; and during
17 the two-year period, if the student is enrolled in the district in which
18 the parent or guardian last resided prior to becoming homeless and
19 the student's parent or guardian remains homeless for that period,
20 the student shall attend that district tuition-free and that district
21 shall provide the student transportation to and from school.

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23 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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28 This bill would allow a student who moves from one school
29 district to another as a result of being homeless due to an act of
30 terrorism or a natural disaster, to continue to enroll in the school
31 district in which the parent last resided prior to becoming homeless
32 for up to two full school years. The bill provides further that during
33 the two-year period, if the student is enrolled in the district in which
34 the parent last resided prior to becoming homeless and the student's
35 parent remains homeless for that period, no tuition will be required
36 to be paid for the student's attendance in that district and the district
37 will be responsible for the student's transportation to and from
38 school.