

SENATE, No. 2766

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Prohibits administration of standardized assessments in kindergarten through second grade.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT prohibiting the administration of standardized assessments
2 in certain grades and supplementing chapter 7C of Title 18A of
3 the New Jersey 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. a. As used in this section, “commercially-developed
9 standardized assessment” means an assessment that requires all test
10 takers to answer the same questions, or a selection of questions
11 from a common bank of questions, in the same manner, and is
12 developed and scored by an entity under a contract with a board of
13 education.

14 b. A board of education shall not administer any commercially-
15 developed standardized assessment that is not required pursuant to
16 State or federal law to a student enrolled in kindergarten through
17 the second grade. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit
18 the ability of a classroom teacher or board of education to develop,
19 administer, and score an assessment for an individual classroom,
20 grade level, or group of grade levels in any subject area in
21 kindergarten through the second grade.

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23 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first be
24 applicable to the first full school year beginning after the date of
25 enactment.

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28 STATEMENT

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30 This bill provides that a school district may not administer a
31 commercially-developed standardized assessment to students
32 enrolled in kindergarten through the second grade. The bill would
33 not preclude a classroom teacher or a board of education from
34 developing, administering, and scoring an assessment in
35 kindergarten through the second grade.