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SYNOPSIS

Requires school district or charter school to provide notification to parent or guardian of enrolled student on upcoming administration of State assessments or commercially-developed standardized assessments.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning student testing in public schools 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:

9 “Commercially-developed standardized assessment” means an
10 assessment that is administered by the school district or charter
11 school that requires all students in a grade to answer the same
12 questions, or a selection of questions from a common bank of
13 questions, in the same manner, and is developed and scored by an
14 entity under contract with a board of education.

15 “State assessment” means an assessment required pursuant to
16 State or federal law and administered to all students in a specific
17 grade level or subject area and whose results are aggregated for
18 analysis at the district, school, or student subgroup level.

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20 2. a. No later than October 1 of each school year, a school
21 district or charter school shall provide to the parents or guardians of
22 a student enrolled in the district or charter school information on
23 any State assessment or commercially-developed standardized
24 assessment that will be administered to the student in that school
25 year. If a school district or charter school elects to administer an
26 additional commercially-developed standardized assessment after
27 October 1, then the information shall be provided within 30 days of
28 that determination. The information shall include, but need not be
29 limited to, the following:

30 (1) the subject area of the assessment and grade levels covered
31 by the assessment;

32 (2) the date or range of potential dates for the administration of
33 the assessment;

34 (3) the time allotted for the student to take and complete the
35 assessment;

36 (4) any accommodations or accessibility options available to
37 students;

38 (5) information on how and when the student and his parent or
39 guardian can access both sample question and answers to the
40 assessment and the student’s results; and

41 (6) whether the assessment is required by the State, the federal
42 government, or both.

43 b. The commissioner shall provide to each school district and
44 charter school a model document to provide to parents or guardians
45 the information required pursuant to subsection a. of this section
46 and information on the costs incurred by the State associated with
47 the administration of the State assessment.

1 c. The information required pursuant to subsection a. of this
2 section shall be provided, to the maximum extent feasible, in the
3 native languages of the parents or guardians of the students enrolled
4 in the school district or charter school.

5 d. The information provided pursuant to subsection a. of this
6 section shall also be available at the meeting of the board of
7 education of the district or the meeting of the board of trustees of
8 the charter school at which the annual School Performance Reports
9 are presented to the public.

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11 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first be
12 applicable to the first full school year following enactment.

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STATEMENT

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17 This bill requires that no later than October 1 of each school
18 year, a school district and a charter school must provide to the
19 parents or guardians of a student enrolled in the district or school
20 detailed information, as outlined in the bill's provisions, on any
21 State assessment or commercially-developed standardized
22 assessment that will be administered to the student in that school
23 year. The Commissioner of Education is to provide a model
24 document to each school district and charter school to provide the
25 required information to parents or guardians and information on the
26 costs incurred by the State associated with the administration of the
27 State assessment.

28 The information provided annually to parents or guardians must
29 also be available at the meeting of the board of education of the
30 school district or the meeting of the board of trustees of the charter
31 school at which the annual School Performance Reports are
32 presented to the public.