

CHAPTER 103

AN ACT concerning access to legal decisions regarding special education and supplementing chapter 46 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.18A:46-1.2 Database relative to legal decisions concerning special education to be available on website.

1. a. The Department of Education shall make available on its website an electronic database of legal decisions concerning special education in New Jersey. The purpose of the database shall be to provide parents, school districts, child study team members, and other interested members of the public with easily accessible information on legal decisions regarding New Jersey special education matters.

b. The database shall contain a full-text copy of each written decision rendered by the New Jersey Office of Administrative Law in a special education due process hearing, and, if the decision is appealed, any subsequent decision on the matter rendered by a court of the State of New Jersey or a federal court. The database shall include each special education decision rendered after the effective date of this act.

c. The department may meet the requirements of this section by maintaining the database directly on its website or by entering into a memorandum of understanding with another entity or organization that maintains an electronic database of the legal decisions, provided that the database is easily accessible to the general public and the department's website contains a link to the database or information on how to access and use the database.

2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh month next following the date of enactment.

Approved July 13, 2017.