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SYNOPSIS

Requires school districts to incorporate age-appropriate sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention education in grades preschool through 12 as part of New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Comprehensive Health and Physical Education.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the Senate on December 17, 2018.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/24/2019)

1 AN ACT concerning instruction on sexual assault prevention in
 2 public schools and supplementing chapters 35 and 6 of Title 18A
 3 of 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. Each school district shall incorporate age-appropriate sexual
 9 abuse and assault awareness and prevention education in grades
 10 preschool through 12 as part of the district's implementation of the
 11 **1**~~Core Curriculum Content~~ New Jersey Student Learning¹
 12 Standards in Comprehensive Health and Physical Education. **3**~~The~~
 13 Commissioner of Education ¹, in consultation ²with² the New
 14 Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Prevent Child Abuse New
 15 Jersey, and other entities with relevant expertise,¹ shall **1**~~provide~~
 16 school districts with **1**~~develop~~¹ age-appropriate sample learning
 17 activities and resources **1**~~designed~~ . The commissioner shall
 18 provide the material to school districts¹ to implement this
 19 requirement. **4**~~The Department of Children and Families, in~~
 20 consultation with the **4**~~The~~⁴ Commissioner of Education, ⁴in
 21 consultation with the Department of Children and Families,⁴ the
 22 New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Prevent Child Abuse
 23 New Jersey, the New Jersey Children's Alliance, and other entities
 24 with relevant expertise, shall provide school districts with age-
 25 appropriate sample learning activities and resources.³

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 27 2. A teaching staff member may satisfy in each professional
 28 development cycle one or more hours of the professional
 29 development requirement established by the State Board of
 30 Education through participation in training programs on sexual
 31 abuse and assault awareness and prevention.

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 33 3. This act shall take effect **2**~~immediately and section 1 shall first~~
 34 apply to the 2018-2019 school year **1**~~in the first full school year~~
 35 following the date of enactment².

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 February 12, 2018.

²Senate SED committee amendments adopted October 18, 2018.

³Senate floor amendments adopted October 29, 2018.

⁴Senate floor amendments adopted December 17, 2018.