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**SYNOPSIS**

Permits use of public schools and school district property for certain child care services for children younger than school age.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning child care services on school district property  
2 and amending N.J.S.18A:20-34.

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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. N.J.S.18A:20-34 is amended to read as follows:

8 18A:20-34. The board of education of any district may,  
9 pursuant to rules adopted by it, permit the use of any schoolhouse  
10 and rooms therein, and the grounds and other property of the  
11 district, when not in use for school purposes, for any of the  
12 following purposes:

13 a. The assembly of persons for the purpose of giving and  
14 receiving instruction in any branch of education, learning, or the  
15 arts, including the science of agriculture, horticulture, and  
16 floriculture;

17 b. Public library purposes or stations of public libraries;

18 c. The holding of such social, civic, and recreational meetings  
19 and entertainments and such other purposes as may be approved by  
20 the board;

21 d. Such meetings, entertainments, and occasions where  
22 admission fees are charged as may be approved by the board;

23 e. Polling places, holding elections, registration of voters, and  
24 holding political meetings;

25 f. Child care services provided by the board of education, or a  
26 board approved sponsor, or a child care program licensed pursuant  
27 to P.L.1983, c.492 (C.30:5B-1 et seq.), before or after regular  
28 school hours, for any school aged child who attends school within  
29 the school district ;

30 g. (1) Child care services provided by the board of education,  
31 a board approved sponsor, or a child care program licensed pursuant  
32 to P.L.1983, c.492 (C.30:5B-1 et seq.) for children younger than  
33 school age and which are provided for less than 24 hours a day.  
34 Preference for the child care services for children younger than  
35 school age shall be given to children who reside within the school  
36 district and to children of persons employed by the school district  
37 whether the employee resides within the school district or outside  
38 the school district, and if available space permits the school district  
39 may provide the child care services to any child who resides outside  
40 the school district.

41 (2) Child care services provided pursuant to paragraph (1) of  
42 this subsection shall meet the standards established in the Manual of  
43 Requirements for Child Care Centers promulgated pursuant to  
44 regulations of the Department of Children and Families. Any  
45 revenue raised by a board of education through the provision of

**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.

1 child care services pursuant to that paragraph, that exceeds the  
2 amount required to provide those child care services, shall be used  
3 by the board to support the general fund budget of the school  
4 district.

5 (cf: P.L.1999, c.83, s.1)

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7 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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10 STATEMENT

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12 Current law at N.J.S.18A:20-34 authorizes the use of public  
13 school buildings and school district property for certain other  
14 purposes when not in use for school purposes. The authorized uses  
15 include child care services before or after regular school hours for  
16 school aged children who attend school within the district.

17 This bill would amend current law to also authorize the use of  
18 public school buildings and school district property for child care  
19 services for children younger than school age. The child care  
20 services would operate for less than 24 hours a day and may be  
21 provided by the board of education, a board approved sponsor, or a  
22 child care program licensed pursuant to P.L.1983, c.492 (C.30:5B-1  
23 et seq.). The bill provides that preference for the child care services  
24 would be required to be given to children who reside within the  
25 school district and to children of persons employed by the district,  
26 whether the employee resides within or outside the district. If  
27 available space permits, the district may provide the child care  
28 services to any child who resides outside the district.

29 The child care services permitted under the bill are required to  
30 meet the standards established in the Manual of Requirements for  
31 Child Care Centers promulgated pursuant to regulations of the  
32 Department of Children and Families. Any revenue raised by a  
33 board of education through the provision of the child care services  
34 that exceeds the amount required to provide the services, is required  
35 to be used by the board to support the general fund budget of the  
36 school district.