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SYNOPSIS

Requires public school districts to provide instruction on "New Jersey Safe Haven Infant Protection Act" as part of New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the public school curriculum and
2 supplementing chapter 35 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. Each board of education which operates an educational
9 program for public school students in grades 9 through 12 shall
10 provide information on the provisions of the "New Jersey Safe
11 Haven Infant Protection Act," P.L.2000, c.58 (C.30:4C-15.5 et
12 seq.). The instruction shall take place as part of the district's
13 implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in
14 Comprehensive Health and Physical Education.

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16 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to
17 the 2018-2019 school year.

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STATEMENT

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22 This bill requires each board of education which operates an
23 educational program for public school students in grades 9 through
24 12 to provide information on the provisions of the "New Jersey Safe
25 Haven Infant Protection Act," P.L.2000, c.58. The bill specifies
26 that the instruction will take place as part of the district's
27 implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in
28 Comprehensive Health and Physical Education beginning with the
29 2018-2019 school year.

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31 Newborn infants are sometimes abandoned in life-threatening
32 situations by parents under severe emotional stress. At times these
33 parents are teens who are frightened and overwhelmed with dealing
34 with an unanticipated pregnancy. Fostering awareness of the
35 availability of a "safe haven" provided under the law may ultimately
help to protect the life of a newborn.