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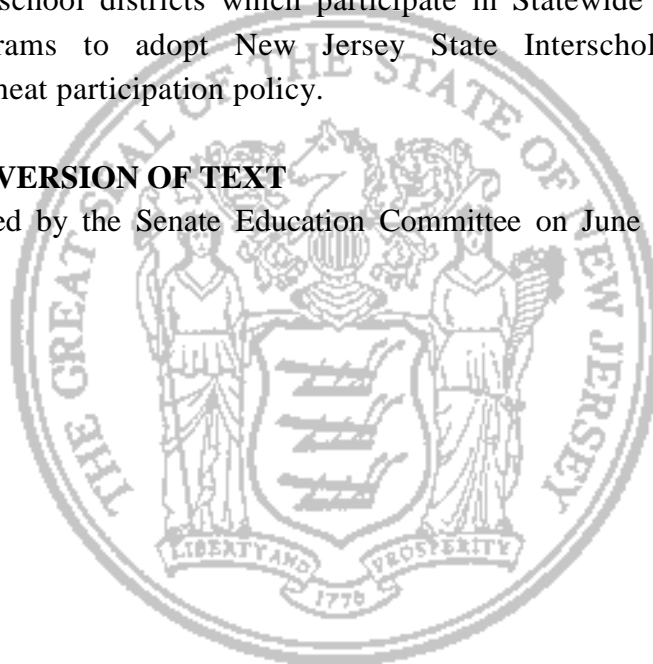
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SYNOPSIS

Requires school districts which participate in Statewide interscholastic sports programs to adopt New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association heat participation policy.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Education Committee on June 17, 2019, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning student-athlete safety and supplementing
2 chapter 11 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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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. A school district which is a member of any voluntary
8 association, pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1979, c.172 (C.18A:11-3),
9 which oversees activities associated with Statewide interscholastic
10 sports programs shall:

11 a. Adopt the ¹**["Heat and Humidity Practice Policy"]** "Heat
12 Participation Policy"¹ required by the New Jersey State
13 Interscholastic Athletic Association for conducting practice ¹or
14 games¹ in all sports during times of high heat or humidity. The
15 association's policy shall address:

16 (1) the scheduling of practice ¹or games¹ during times of
17 various heat and humidity levels;

18 (2) the ratio of time devoted to workouts to time allotted for rest
19 and hydration during various heat and humidity levels; and

20 (3) the heat and humidity levels at which practice ¹or games¹
21 will be canceled.

22 The guidelines included in the association's policy shall provide
23 a default policy to those responsible or sharing duties for making
24 decisions concerning the implementation of modifications or
25 cancellation of practices ¹**[and contests]** or games¹ based on the
26 presence of heat and humidity.

27 b. Purchase a WetBulb Globe Temperature (WBGT) tool to
28 measure the heat stress in direct sunlight at the practice ¹or game¹
29 site. Heat stress consists of temperature, humidity, wind speed, the
30 angle of the sun, and cloud coverage.

31 A school district shall adopt the association's policy concerning
32 the frequency and recording of WetBulb Globe Temperature
33 (WBGT) measurements.

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35 2. This act shall take effect in the first full school year
36 following enactment.

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:

¹Senate SED committee amendments adopted June 17, 2019.