

P.L. 2020, CHAPTER 143, *approved December 23, 2020*  
Assembly, No. 4975 (*Third Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability  
2 Continuum and supplementing P.L.1975, c.212 (C.18A:7A-3 et  
3 seq.).  
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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. a. <sup>3</sup>(1)<sup>3</sup> Notwithstanding the provisions of section 11 of  
9 P.L.1975, c.212 (C.18A:7A-11) or any other section of law to the  
10 contrary, the Department of Education shall postpone the  
11 comprehensive review under the New Jersey Quality Single  
12 Accountability Continuum <sup>2</sup>[until the 2021-2022 school year for] of<sup>2</sup>  
13 any school district that <sup>1</sup>[is required to undergo]<sup>1</sup>:

14 <sup>3</sup>[(1)] (a)<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>is required to undergo<sup>1</sup> a comprehensive review in  
15 the <sup>1</sup>[2019-2020] 2020-2021<sup>1</sup> school year<sup>1</sup>[, which review was not  
16 completed due to the COVID-19-related school closures]<sup>1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>[or] and<sup>1</sup>

17 <sup>3</sup>[(2)] (b)<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>[a comprehensive review in the 2020-2021 school  
18 year] was designated as a high performing district pursuant to section  
19 14 of P.L.1975, c.212 (C.18A:7A-14) in the school district's most  
20 recent comprehensive review<sup>1</sup>.

21 <sup>3</sup>(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection to the  
22 contrary, the Commissioner of Education shall permit a school district  
23 that is subject to the postponement of a comprehensive review under  
24 paragraph (1) of this subsection to undergo a comprehensive review in  
25 the 2020-2021 school year, upon request by the school district. A  
26 school district that undergoes a comprehensive review in the 2020-  
27 2021 school year pursuant to this paragraph shall undergo its next  
28 comprehensive review three years after the 2020-2021 school year.<sup>3</sup>

29 b. If <sup>2</sup>the comprehensive review of<sup>2</sup> a school district is <sup>2</sup>[required  
30 to undergo a comprehensive review in the 2021-2022 school year due  
31 to the postponement provided] postponed<sup>2</sup> under <sup>3</sup>paragraph (1) of<sup>3</sup>  
32 subsection a. of this section, then the school district shall undergo its  
33 next <sup>2</sup>[following]<sup>2</sup> comprehensive review three years after the school  
34 year in which its comprehensive review was originally scheduled to  
35 take place.

36 c. <sup>1</sup>[The postponement of the comprehensive review for school  
37 districts under subsection a. of this subsection shall not disrupt the  
38 comprehensive review schedule for any other school district.

39 d. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section to the contrary,  
40 the Commissioner of Education may exempt a school district, upon

**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:**

<sup>1</sup>Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted November 12, 2020.

<sup>2</sup>Assembly floor amendments adopted November 16, 2020.

<sup>3</sup>Assembly AED committee amendments adopted December 14, 2020.

1 request, from the postponement of the comprehensive review required  
2 pursuant to this section. A school district that is required to undergo a  
3 comprehensive review in the 2020-2021 school year and was not  
4 designated as a high performing district pursuant to section 14 of  
5 P.L.1975, c.212 (C.18A:7A-14) in the school district's most recent  
6 comprehensive review shall undergo a comprehensive review under  
7 the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum in the 2020-  
8 2021 school year, except that such a district may postpone its  
9 comprehensive review until the 2021-2022 school year if the district  
10 provides written notification to the Commissioner of Education that it  
11 is not able to complete the review due to the impacts of the COVID-19  
12 pandemic.

13 d. If a school district postpones its comprehensive review until  
14 the 2021-2022 school year pursuant to subsection c. of this section,  
15 then the school district shall undergo its next following comprehensive  
16 review three years after the school year in which its comprehensive  
17 review was originally scheduled to take place<sup>1</sup>.

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19 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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24 Provides for postponement of New Jersey Quality Single  
25 Accountability Continuum review for certain school districts.