

# SENATE, No. 559

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires parent or guardian to notify child care centers if child will be absent; requires child care centers to notify parent or guardian in event of unexcused child absence.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 7/22/2020)**

1 AN ACT concerning communication between parents and licensed  
2 child care centers and supplementing P.L.1983, c.492 (C.30:5B-  
3 1 et 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. Whenever a child who is enrolled in a child care center  
9 licensed pursuant to P.L.1983, c. 492 (C.30:5B-1 et seq.) will be  
10 absent from the child care center, the child's parent or guardian  
11 shall notify the sponsor of the child care center or the sponsor's  
12 designee.

13 b. If a child who is enrolled in a licensed child care center is  
14 determined to be absent without notification from the child's parent  
15 or guardian, and if the reason for the child's absence is unknown to  
16 the child care center staff, the sponsor of the child care center or the  
17 sponsor's designee shall immediately attempt to contact the child's  
18 parent or guardian to notify the parent or guardian of the absence  
19 and to determine the reason for the absence.  
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21 2. This act shall take effect immediately.  
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24 STATEMENT  
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26 This bill requires the parent or guardian of a child who is  
27 enrolled in a child care center licensed pursuant to P.L.1983, c. 492  
28 (C.30:5B-1 et seq.) to notify the sponsor of the child care center or  
29 the sponsor's designee that the child will be absent from the child  
30 care center.

31 If a child who is enrolled in a licensed child care center is  
32 determined to be absent without notification from the child's parent  
33 or guardian, and if the reason for the child's absence is unknown to  
34 the child care center staff, under the provisions of the bill, the  
35 sponsor of the child care center or the sponsor's designee would be  
36 required to immediately attempt to contact the child's parent or  
37 guardian to notify the parent or guardian of the absence and to  
38 determine the reason for the absence.