

# SENATE, No. 1219

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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**District 6 (Burlington and Camden)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires student representative be appointed to each board of education of school district that includes high school.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning student representatives on certain boards of  
2 education and supplementing chapter 12 of Title 18A of the New  
3 Jersey 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. a. Notwithstanding any law, rule or regulation to the  
9 contrary, each board of education of a school district that includes  
10 grades nine through 12 shall appoint the student who serves as the  
11 president of the student council, or a designee of the president of  
12 the student council, to serve as a nonvoting student representative  
13 on the board. The student representative shall serve for a one  
14 school year term.

15 b. The duties of the student representative shall include:

16 (1) attending all board meetings, except that a student  
17 representative shall be excluded from discussions of the board  
18 involving subjects which are confidential;

19 (2) representing all public high school students within the  
20 district and presenting student proposals and concerns to the board  
21 for its consideration; and

22 (3) keeping public high school students informed of the business  
23 of the board by providing a monthly report to the student council  
24 concerning the activities of the board.

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26 2. This act shall take effect in the first full school year  
27 following the date of enactment.

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STATEMENT

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32 This bill requires the board of education of each school district  
33 that includes grades nine through 12 to appoint the student who  
34 serves as the president of the student council, or a designee of the  
35 president of the student council, to serve as a nonvoting student  
36 representative on the board. The student representative will serve  
37 for a one school year term.

38 Under the bill, the duties of the student representative will  
39 include:

40 • attending all school board meetings, except that a student  
41 representative will be excluded from discussions of the  
42 board involving subjects which are confidential;

43 • representing all public high school students within the  
44 district and presenting student proposals and concerns to the  
45 board for its consideration; and

46 • keeping public high school students informed of the business  
47 of the school board by providing a monthly report to the  
48 student council concerning the activities of the board.