

**SENATE, No. 3268**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires Commissioner of Education to develop bicycle safety program for students enrolled in grades kindergarten through 12.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning bicycle safety of students and supplementing  
2 chapter 6 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. The Commissioner of Education shall develop a bicycle  
8 safety program. The purpose of the program shall be to educate  
9 students in grades kindergarten through 12 on the safe use of  
10 bicycles as a healthy mode of transportation and source of  
11 recreation. The program shall include, but need not be limited to, a  
12 review of:

13 (1) existing State laws, rules, and regulations relating to bicycle  
14 use, including the State's requirement that a minor child wear a helmet  
15 when riding a bicycle pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1991, c.465 (C.39:4-  
16 10.1);

17 (2) ways cyclists can improve their visibility and predictability  
18 to drivers;

19 (3) road rules and safe cycling behavior, including the proper  
20 use of designated bicycle lanes and hand signals; and

21 (4) road hazards such as inclement weather, unexpected car door  
22 openings, and distracted cycling through use of cell phones or  
23 music applications while cycling.

24 b. The commissioner shall make the program available to each  
25 board of education and shall provide school districts with sample  
26 learning activities and resources.

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28 2. This act shall take effect on the 60th day after the date of  
29 enactment.

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32 STATEMENT

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34 This bill directs the Commissioner of Education to develop a  
35 bicycle safety program that will educate students in grades  
36 kindergarten through 12 on the safe use of bicycles. Under the bill,  
37 the program will include, but need not be limited to, a review of:

38 • existing State laws, rules, and regulations relating to bicycle  
39 use;

40 • ways cyclists can improve their visibility and predictability  
41 to drivers;

42 • road rules and safe cycling behavior, including the proper  
43 use of designated bicycle lanes and hand signals; and

44 • road hazards such as inclement weather, unexpected car door  
45 openings, and distracted cycling through use of cell phones  
46 or music applications while cycling.

**S3268 DIEGNAN**

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- 3       with sample learning activities and resources.