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SYNOPSIS

Requires public schools to post curriculum plans online; requires school districts to make textbooks or other materials used in implementing curriculum plans available for inspection by parents and legal guardians

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning access to school district curriculum plans and
2 related materials and supplementing chapter 35 of Title 18A of
3 the New 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. A school district shall, for each grade level, post
9 curriculum plans for each course offered to students on the district's
10 Internet website at least 30 days prior to the beginning of a school
11 year. Curriculum plans posted pursuant to this section shall include
12 each unit of study, student learning objectives, course themes, and
13 information concerning textbooks and other materials to be used by
14 the district in the implementation of its curriculum plans. A school
15 district shall update the district's Internet website each time a
16 curriculum plan is updated or revised.

17 b. In posting information concerning textbooks and other
18 materials pursuant to subsection a. of this section, a school district
19 shall also post information concerning when and where textbooks
20 and other materials used as part of the district's implementation of
21 its curriculum plans will be available for review by the parents or
22 legal guardians of students in the district. Parents or legal
23 guardians shall be given the opportunity to review the textbooks
24 and other materials prior to the time in which they will be
25 incorporated into classroom instruction.

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27 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to
28 the first full school year next following the date of enactment.

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STATEMENT

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33 This bill requires school districts to post curriculum plans for
34 each course offered to students in each grade level at least 30 days
35 prior to the beginning of a school year. Specifically, a school
36 district would be required to post information concerning each unit
37 of study, student learning objectives, and information concerning
38 textbooks and other materials to be used in implementing the
39 district's curriculum plans. School districts would be required to
40 update their Internet websites each time a curriculum plan is
41 updated or revised.

42 The bill also requires school districts to post information
43 concerning when and where textbooks and other materials used as
44 part of the district's implementation of the district's curriculum
45 plans will be available for review by the parents or legal guardians
46 of students in the district. Parents and legal guardians would be
47 given the opportunity to review these materials prior to the time in
48 which they will be incorporated into classroom instruction.

1 By requiring that school districts post their curriculum plans
2 online and providing parents and legal guardians with the
3 opportunity to review textbooks and other materials used as part of
4 the curriculum, the State can ensure greater transparency and
5 collaboration between school officials and the families they serve.