

ASSEMBLY, No. 153

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

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By Assemblywoman CRUZ-PEREZ and Assemblyman ROBERTS

1 AN ACT concerning the testing of students of limited English-speaking
2 ability and supplementing P.L.1974, c.197 (C.18A:35-15 et seq.).

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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. Notwithstanding the provisions of P.L.1979, c.241 (C.18A:7C-1
8 et seq.) or any other law, rule or regulation to the contrary, a student
9 of limited English-speaking ability who is identified as such pursuant
10 to P.L.1974, c.197 (C.18A:35-15 et seq.) shall not be required to take
11 any diagnostic, standardized, Statewide, or district-wide test in English
12 which has not been designed or normed for non-native speakers of
13 English until the student has been in a State-approved program for at
14 least two academic years, except that the student may be given the
15 option of taking any test in English, or may be required to take a
16 standardized test or undergo other assessment in the native language
17 of the student in order to measure certain abilities or general academic
18 progress.

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20 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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23 STATEMENT

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25 This bill provides that a student of limited English-speaking ability
26 may not be required to take any diagnostic, standardized, Statewide,
27 or district-wide test in English which has not been designed or normed
28 for non-native speakers of English until the student has been in a
29 State-approved program for at least two academic years.

30 The bill gives a student of limited English-speaking ability the
31 option of taking any test in English. However, the student may be
32 required to take a standardized test or undergo other assessment in the
33 native language of the student in order to measure certain abilities or
34 general academic progress.

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3 Provides that student of limited English-speaking ability shall not be
4 required to take certain tests.