

ASSEMBLY, No. 519

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblywoman CRECCO

1 AN ACT concerning the public school curriculum, supplementing  
2 chapter 35 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes and repealing  
3 section 2 of P.L.1979, c.428.

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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. Each local board of education shall provide the parents or  
9 guardians of all pupils enrolled in the public schools of the district with  
10 an outline of the curriculum and a list of instructional materials to be  
11 used in the family life education program in the grade in which the  
12 child is enrolled. The notification shall include instructions on how the  
13 parent or guardian may receive a copy of the complete curriculum for  
14 the relevant grade.

15 Also, the board of education shall make available in each school  
16 building in the district a copy of the complete curriculum and all  
17 instructional materials and shall make these materials available to the  
18 parents or guardians upon their request.

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20 2. In addition to the curriculum materials, each local board of  
21 education shall provide the parents or guardians of all pupils enrolled  
22 in the public schools of the district with a written parental consent  
23 form which shall state that the parent or guardian has no objection to  
24 the child's participation in all or in any part of the family life education  
25 program. No child shall be enrolled in all or a part of the family life  
26 education program without the express written consent of the child's  
27 parent or guardian.

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29 3. Any child whose parent or guardian does not present to the  
30 school a signed statement authorizing the child's participation in all or  
31 part of the family life education course or program shall not be  
32 permitted to enroll in that part of the course or program, and no  
33 penalties as to credit or graduation shall result therefrom.

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35 4. Section 2 of P.L.1979, c.428 (C.18A:35-4.7) is repealed.

1       5. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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6       This bill requires the express written consent of a parent or  
7 guardian before a child may be permitted to enroll in the family life  
8 education program given by local school districts. It also requires that  
9 all curriculum material be made available to the parent or guardian  
10 upon request.

11       The repealed section provided that a child could be excused from  
12 the family life education course if the parent or guardian sent a signed  
13 statement to the school principal that the course or a portion of it  
14 conflicted with his conscience or sincerely held moral or religious  
15 beliefs. This would now be governed by section 3 of this bill.

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20       Requires written permission of the parent or guardian for the  
21 participation of a child in the family life education program in local  
22 school districts.