

ASSEMBLY, No. 1167

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

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By Assemblymen COHEN and GREEN

1 AN ACT concerning pupils and supplementing Title 18A of the New
2 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. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,
8 any teaching staff member, principal or other educational personnel of
9 any public school in this State who has reasonable grounds to believe
10 that a pupil may have committed an act which if committed by an adult
11 would constitute a criminal offense shall immediately notify the parent
12 or guardian and the local law enforcement agency.

13 b. No teaching staff member, principal or other educational
14 personnel who has reasonable grounds to believe that a pupil may have
15 committed an act which if committed by an adult would constitute a
16 criminal offense shall conduct any strip search or body cavity search
17 of the pupil under any circumstances.

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19 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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22 STATEMENT

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24 This bill would clarify the procedures when a school official has
25 reasonable grounds to believe that a pupil has committed a criminal
26 offense.

27 The bill would require any teaching staff member, principal or other
28 educational personnel who has reasonable grounds to believe that a
29 pupil may have committed an act which committed by an adult would
30 constitute a criminal offense to immediately notify the parent or
31 guardian of the pupil and the local law enforcement agency.

32 The bill also makes it clear that no teaching staff member, principal
33 or other educational personnel is authorized to conduct any strip
34 searches or body cavity searches of the pupil under any circumstances.

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3 Clarifies certain procedures concerning pupils; prohibits strip and body
4 cavity searches of pupils.