

ASSEMBLY, No. 2744

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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1 AN ACT concerning unauthorized absences from school and amending
2 P.L.1982, c.77.

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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. Section 27 of P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-46) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 27. Disposition of juvenile-family crisis. a. The court may order
10 any disposition in a juvenile-family crisis provided for in paragraphs
11 (2), (4), (5), (6), (7) and (13) of subsection b. of section 24 of
12 P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-43) or other disposition specifically provided
13 for in P.L.1982, c.80 (C.2A:4A-76 et seq.).

14 b. No juvenile involved in a juvenile-family crisis shall be
15 committed to or placed in any institution or facility established for the
16 care of delinquent children or in any facility, other than an institution
17 for the mentally retarded, a mental hospital or facility for the care of
18 persons addicted to controlled dangerous substances, which physically
19 restricts such juvenile committed to or placed in it.

20 c. In addition to the dispositions set forth in subsection a. of this
21 section, the court may order the disposition provided for in paragraph
22 (10) of subsection b. of section 24 of P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-43) in
23 a juvenile-family crisis in which there is a pattern of repeated
24 unauthorized absences from school by a juvenile subject to the
25 compulsory education provision of Title 18A of the New Jersey
26 Statutes.

27 (cf: P.L.1995, c.280, s.14)

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29 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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33 This bill amends the "New Jersey Code of Juvenile Justice,"
34 P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-20 et seq.) to permit the Superior Court,

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 Chancery Division, Family Part to require a juvenile who demonstrates
2 a pattern of repeated unauthorized absences from school to perform
3 community service, which is a disposition set forth in section 24 of
4 P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-43). This section requires that the
5 community service be reasonable in terms of nature and duration.

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10 Permits court to require community service of juvenile with repeated
11 unauthorized absences from school.