

SENATE, No. 2111

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MAY 22, 1997

By Senator SINGER

1 AN ACT concerning State and local legislation and administrative rules  
2 and supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes and Titles 40A  
3 and 18A of 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. Every bill or resolution prepared for introduction in the  
9 Legislature shall be written in a reasonably simple, clear,  
10 understandable manner which is easily readable and offers the average  
11 reader fair notice of its provisions.

12 The provisions of this section shall not be construed to apply to the  
13 text of an existing law which is to be amended by a bill or resolution.

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15 2. a. Every administrative rule adopted by a State agency shall be  
16 written in a reasonably simple, clear, understandable manner which is  
17 easily readable and offers the average reader fair notice of its  
18 provisions.

19 b. The Office of Administrative Law shall not accept for  
20 publication any proposed rule, any change to a proposed rule or any  
21 proposed amendment to an adopted rule which does not comply with  
22 subsection a. of this section.

23 c. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the  
24 repromulgation, without amendment, of any rule adopted prior to the  
25 effective date of this act.

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27 3. Every resolution or ordinance adopted by the governing body of  
28 a unit of local government, and every rule or regulation adopted by a  
29 local government agency having the authority to adopt rules or  
30 regulations, shall be written in a reasonably simple, clear,  
31 understandable manner which is easily readable and offers the average  
32 reader fair notice of its provisions.

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34 4. Every resolution adopted by a local board of education shall be  
35 written in a reasonably simple, clear, understandable manner which is  
36 easily readable and offers the average reader fair notice of its  
37 provisions.

1       5. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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6       This bill provides that every bill or resolution prepared for  
7 introduction in the Legislature, every State agency administrative rule  
8 and every local government ordinance, resolution and regulation,  
9 including a school board resolution, shall be written in a reasonably  
10 simple, clear, understandable manner which is easily readable and  
11 offers the average reader fair notice of its provisions.

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16       Requires that State and local legislation and administrative rules be  
17 written in simple language.