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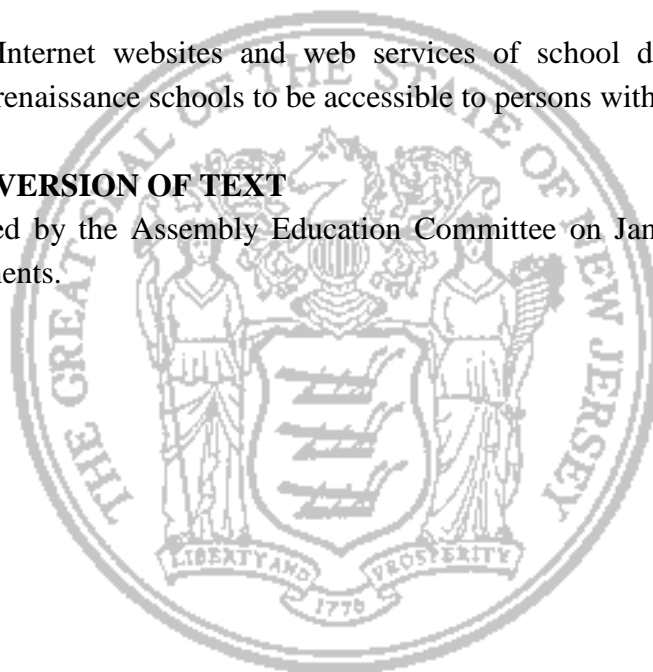
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### **SYNOPSIS**

Requires Internet websites and web services of school districts, charter schools, and renaissance schools to be accessible to persons with disabilities.

### **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Education Committee on January 25, 2021, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning the accessibility of public school websites and  
2 web services and supplementing chapter 36 of Title 18A of the  
3 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. a. Any Internet website or web service of a school district,  
9 charter school, **'[or]'** renaissance school <sup>1</sup>, or the Marie H.  
10 Katzenbach School for the Deaf<sup>1</sup> shall comply with the Web  
11 Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 Level AA, or the  
12 most up-to-date version of the guidelines.

13 b. The Commissioner of Education shall establish a procedure  
14 to determine whether the Internet website or web service of a school  
15 district, charter school, **'[or]'** renaissance school <sup>1</sup>, or the Marie H.  
16 Katzenbach School for the Deaf<sup>1</sup> complies with the requirements of  
17 this section. The Office of Information Technology in the  
18 Department of Education shall be responsible for issuing  
19 certifications of compliance, which certifications shall attest that an  
20 Internet website or web service complies with the requirements of  
21 **'[the] this'** section.

22 c. (1) If a school district, charter school, **'[or]'** renaissance  
23 school <sup>1</sup>, or the Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf<sup>1</sup>  
24 establishes or significantly improves an Internet website or web  
25 service after the effective date of this act, the public school shall  
26 receive a certification of compliance from the office before the  
27 Internet website or web service may be considered operational.

28 (2) Every two years following initial certification, the office  
29 shall recertify the compliance of each Internet website or web  
30 service operated by a school district, charter school, **'[or]'**  
31 renaissance school <sup>1</sup>, or the Marie H. Katzenbach School for the  
32 Deaf<sup>1</sup> with the requirements of this section.

33 d. As used in this section, "Internet website or web service"  
34 includes any webpage, website, web service, online curriculum, or  
35 online third party or open educational resource product that is made  
36 available to enrolled students or the public by a school district,  
37 charter school, **'[or]'** renaissance school <sup>1</sup>, or the Marie H.  
38 Katzenbach School for the Deaf<sup>1</sup> through the Internet.

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40 2. This act shall take effect **'[immediately]'** on the first day of  
41 the sixth month next following the date of enactment<sup>1</sup>.

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly AED committee amendments adopted January 25, 2021.