

SENATE, No. 4014

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Requires board of education to publicly post full meeting agenda 48 hours prior to meeting.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 11/8/2021)

1 AN ACT concerning board of education meetings and amending
2 N.J.S.18A:10-6.

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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. N.J.S.18A:10-6 is amended to read as follows:

8 All board meetings shall be public and each board shall hold a
9 meeting at least once every two months during the period in which
10 the schools in the district are in session. Notwithstanding any law,
11 rule, or regulation to the contrary, each board shall post on its
12 Internet website in an easily accessible location the full meeting
13 agenda for all board meetings 48 hours prior to the commencement
14 of the meeting. The full meeting agenda shall include a detailed
15 description of each item on the agenda.

16 All meetings shall be called to commence not later than eight
17 P.M. of the designated day but, if a quorum be not present at the
18 time for which the meeting is called, the member or members
19 present may recess the meeting to a time not later than nine P.M. of
20 said day and, if no quorum be present at that time, the member or
21 members present may adjourn the meeting to commence not later
22 than eight P.M. of another day, not more than seven days following
23 the date for which the original meeting was called, but no further
24 recess or adjournment of the meeting shall be made.

25 Public announcements of time and day to which any meeting is
26 so recessed or adjourned shall be made at the time of the recess or
27 adjournment.

28 (cf: N.J.S.18A:10-6)

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30 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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33 STATEMENT

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35 Under current law, all board of education meetings must be
36 public and each board is required to hold a meeting at least once
37 every two months during the period in which the schools in the
38 district are in session. This bill amends current law to also require a
39 board to post on its Internet website in an easily accessible location
40 the full meeting agenda for all board meetings 48 hours prior to the
41 commencement of the meeting. The bill requires that the full
42 meeting agenda will include a detailed description of each item on
43 the agenda.

44 Under the “Senator Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act
45 (OPMA),” P.L.1975, c.231 (C.10:4-6 et seq.), public bodies,

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.

1 including boards of education, empowered as voting bodies to
2 perform governmental functions, are required to give 48 hours of
3 advance notice giving the time, date, location, and to the extent
4 known, the agenda of their scheduled meetings. This bill codifies
5 the 48 hours of advance notice requirement into the section of law
6 specifically pertaining to boards of education, and helps enhance
7 transparency and bring consistency to boards of education by
8 requiring each board to post on its Internet website in an easily
9 accessible location the full meeting agenda for all board meetings
10 48 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting. The full
11 meeting agenda must include a detailed description of each item on
12 the agenda.