

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 18A:22-8

(School budgets--
notice of
hearings--simplify
information)

LAWS OF: 1989

CHAPTER: 217

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1989 Senate No. 3645

1 AN ACT concerning school district budgets and amending
2 N.J.S.18A:22-8.

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4 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the
5 State of New Jersey:

6 1. N.J.S.18A:22-8 is amended to read as follows:

7 18A:22-8. The budget shall be prepared in such detail and upon
8 such forms as shall be prescribed by the commissioner and to it
9 shall be annexed a statement so itemized as to make the same
10 readily understandable, in which shall be shown:

11 a. In tabular form there shall be set forth the following:

12 (1) The [amount of appropriation for the preceding school year,
13 the amount transferred into or out of the item of appropriation
14 for the preceding school year, the] total expenditure for [such]
15 each item for the preceding school year, the amount appropriated
16 for the current school year adjusted for transfers as of December
17 1 of the current school year, and the amount estimated to be
18 necessary to be appropriated for the ensuing school year,
19 indicated separately for at least the following items:

20 (a) Salaries--administration

21 (b) Salaries--teaching

22 (c) Salaries--[custodial] for the operation of plant and
23 maintenance

24 (d) Categorical programs

25 (i) Salaries

26 (ii) Other

27 (e) [Utilities--Including] Supplies for the operation of
28 plant--including fuel

29 (f) Textbooks

30 (g) [School] Instructional supplies[--educational]

31 (h) [School] Other supplies[--maintenance and other]

32 (i) School Libraries and Audio Visual Materials

33 (j) Transportation of pupils

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 (k) Insurance
- 2 (l) Legal fees
- 3 (m) Consulting fees, including negotiating fees
- 4 (n) Contracts for maintenance
- 5 (o) [Furniture and equipment] Property
- 6 (p) [Repairs and renewals] Maintenance
- 7 (q) Evening schools
- 8 (r) Classes for the foreign born
- 9 (s) Vocational evening schools and courses
- 10 (t) Tuition paid to other districts
- 11 (u) Interest and debt redemption charges, in type II districts.
- 12 (v) Any other major purposes including any capital project
- 13 which [it is desired] the State Board of Education desires to
- 14 include in the annual budget;
- 15 (2) The amount of the surplus account available at the
- 16 beginning of the preceding school year, at the beginning of the
- 17 current school year and the amount anticipated to be available
- 18 for the ensuing school year;
- 19 (3) The amount of revenue available for budget purposes for
- 20 the preceding school year, the amount available for the current
- 21 school year as of December 1 of the current school year and the
- 22 amount anticipated to be available for the ensuing school year in
- 23 the following categories:
- 24 (a) Total to be raised by local property taxes
- 25 (b) Total State aid
- 26 (i) Equalization aid
- 27 (ii) Categorical aid
- 28 (iii) Transportation aid
- 29 (iv) Other
- 30 (c) Total Federal aid
- 31 (i) [E.S.E.A. (P.L. 89-10)] Elementary and Secondary
- 32 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. §2701 et seq.)
- 33 (ii) [Manpower development] Handicapped
- 34 (iii) [Other] Impact Aid
- 35 (iv) [Other sources.] Vocational
- 36 (v) Other
- 37 (d) Other Sources.
- 38 b. In addition, the commissioner may provide for a program
- 39 budget system.

1 c. In the event that the total expenditure for any item of
2 appropriation is equal to \$0.00 for: (1) the preceding school year,
3 (2) the current school year, and (3) the amount estimated to be
4 necessary to be appropriated for the ensuing school year, that
5 item shall not be required to be published pursuant to N.J.S.
6 18A:22-11.

7 (cf: P.L.1989, c.46, s.1)

8 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be
9 applicable to the 1990-91 school year and thereafter.

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STATEMENT

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14 The purpose of this bill is to simplify the material required to
15 be advertised along with the notice for local school budget
16 hearings. The simplification is accomplished by eliminating
17 several columns of numbers which can be misleading to the
18 public. This change will focus the notice on the central financial
19 information of the budget. This simplification is not intended to
20 prevent individual citizens from obtaining more detailed
21 information directly from the local school district office.
22 Further, this bill is not intended to prevent a school district from
23 including additional detail along side the minimum required
24 information called for in this bill.

25 This bill is a recommendation of the Commission on Business
26 Efficiency of the Public Schools.

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EDUCATION

Education-Finance and State Aid

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32 Simplifies the statement required to be annexed to school budgets
33 and brings line item titles into uniformity with federal programs
34 and State practice.

ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3645

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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DATED: NOVEMBER 29, 1989

The Assembly Education Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 3645.

This bill will simplify the material required to be advertised along with the notice for local school budget hearings. The simplification is accomplished by eliminating several columns of numbers which can be misleading to the public. This change will focus the notice on the central financial information of the budget. The bill also corrects some of the references to federal law and State administrative code.

More detailed information would continue to be available directly from the local school district office. Further, a school district could include additional detail along with the minimum required information called for in this bill.

This bill would implement a recommendation of the Commission on Business Efficiency of the Public Schools and is identical to Assembly Bill No. 4731 of 1989, which bill was reported by this committee on September 28, 1989.

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SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3645

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: AUGUST 3, 1989

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports this bill without committee amendments.

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