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P.L. 2023, CHAPTER 60, *approved May 15, 2023*
Senate, No. 2463 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning instruction ¹and guidance¹ on ¹ticks,¹ Lyme
2 Disease ^{1,1} and other tick-borne diseases in public schools ¹and
3 for the public¹, amending ¹and supplementing¹ P.L.1991, c.488,
4 and supplementing ¹**【**chapter 40 of Title 18A of the New Jersey
5 Statutes**】** P.L.1991, c.227 (C.26:2P-1 et seq.)¹.
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7 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
8 of New Jersey:
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10 ¹1. (New section) The Legislature finds and declares that:

11 a. New Jersey is among the nationwide leaders in tick-borne
12 diseases and was one of the 17 states that reported 95 percent of the
13 confirmed Lyme disease cases in 2019.

14 b. If not diagnosed and treated early, symptoms of Lyme
15 disease may become more severe and life-altering. Later stages of
16 Lyme disease can result in arthritis, severe joint pain and swelling,
17 nervous system problems, impaired memory and other cognitive
18 defects, and heart problems that include heart palpitations and chest
19 pain.

20 c. It is altogether fitting and proper that New Jersey schools
21 provide students with a more expansive education on ticks, tick-
22 borne disease, and best methods for preventing exposure and
23 identifying symptoms of tick-borne diseases.¹
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25 ¹**【**1.¹ 2.¹ Section 1 of P.L.1991, c.488 (C.18A:35-5.1) is
26 amended to read as follows:

27 1. The Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the
28 Commissioner of Health, shall develop curriculum guidelines for
29 the teaching of information on the prevention of Lyme Disease and
30 other tick-borne diseases within the public school health
31 curriculum. The guidelines shall emphasize disease prevention **【**and
32 sensitivity for persons with the disease**】** and include topics such as
33 the biology of various tick species, tick habitats, a list of diseases
34 transmitted by ticks, recommended attire and repellants to help
35 protect an individual from ticks, how to perform tick checks, proper
36 techniques for the removal of ticks, and symptoms an individual

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:

¹Assembly AED committee amendments adopted March 16, 2023.

1 may experience after receiving a tick bite. The Commissioner of
2 Education shall periodically review and update the guidelines to
3 insure that the curriculum reflects the most current information
4 available.

5 (cf: P.L.2017, c.131, s.24)

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7 ¹~~2.~~ ^{3.} Section 2 of P.L.1991, c.488 (C.18A:35-5.2) is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 2. a. The commissioner shall make the curriculum guidelines
10 available to all school districts in the State ~~and shall encourage their~~
11 ~~adoption by those districts which are located in areas of the State~~
12 ~~which have a high incidence of Lyme Disease~~.

13 b. A board of education shall incorporate the curriculum
14 guidelines developed pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1991, c.488
15 (C.18A:35-5.1) in an appropriate place in the curriculum of students in
16 grades kindergarten through 12 as part of the school district's
17 implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in
18 Comprehensive Health and Physical Education.

19 c. A board of education shall also consult resources from ¹~~a~~
20 multiple¹ nationally-recognized ¹~~organization~~ organizations¹ with
21 expertise in Lyme Disease or other tick-borne diseases in fulfilling the
22 requirements of subsection b. of this section.

23 (cf: P.L.1991, c.488, s.2)

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25 ¹~~3.~~ (New section) a. A board of education shall develop a
26 policy concerning the discovery and removal of ticks on students.
27 The policy shall require the school physician or school nurse to:

28 (1) remove the tick from the student in accordance with
29 guidelines issued by the Department of Health pursuant to section 3
30 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this
31 bill);

32 (2) properly store the tick for no more than seven days;

33 (3) label the tick with the date of removal and name of the
34 student; and

35 (4) provide notice to the student's parent or guardian by
36 telephone, email, or letter to be delivered by the student on the day
37 the tick was removed.

38 b. Notice provided to a parent or guardian pursuant to
39 subsection a. of this section shall include the following: (1) the
40 student's name, (2) the date the tick was removed, (3) a statement
41 that the school is holding the tick for up to seven days so that the
42 parent or guardian may collect the tick and send it to be tested for
43 Lyme Disease or other tick-borne diseases, and (4) a list of facilities
44 in the State that perform tick testing. The notice shall further advise
45 the parent or guardian to promptly seek medical treatment if the
46 student presents symptoms such as rash, chills, fever, headache,

1 tiredness, stiff neck, joint pain or swelling, or swollen lymph nodes
2 within three to 30 days of removal.】¹

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4 4. (New section) The Department of Health shall publish on
5 the department’s Internet website guidelines concerning the
6 prevention,¹ discovery^{1,1} and removal of ticks on ¹【students and a
7 list of facilities in the State that perform tick testing that includes
8 the address, phone number, and website of each facility on the list.
9 The guidelines shall be distributed to each school district in the
10 State consultation with the Department of Education】 persons¹.

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12 5. The Department of Health and the State Board of Education
13 shall promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to the
14 “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
15 seq.) necessary to effectuate the provisions of this act.

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17 6. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to the
18 first full school year following the date of enactment.

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23 _____
24 Requires school districts to provide instruction on prevention of
25 Lyme Disease and other tick-borne diseases in grades kindergarten
26 through 12; requires DOH to publish certain guidelines concerning
ticks.

SENATE, No. 2463

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 9, 2022

Sponsored by:

Senator BOB SMITH

District 17 (Middlesex and Somerset)

Senator ANDREW ZWICKER

District 16 (Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex and Somerset)

SYNOPSIS

Requires school districts to provide instruction on prevention of Lyme Disease and other tick-borne diseases and to develop policy concerning removal of ticks.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning instruction on Lyme Disease and other tick-
2 borne diseases in public schools, amending P.L.1991, c.488, and
3 supplementing chapter 40 of Title 18A of the New Jersey
4 Statutes.

5
6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
7 of New Jersey:

8
9 1. Section 1 of P.L.1991, c.488 (C.18A:35-5.1) is amended to
10 read as follows:

11 1. The Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the
12 Commissioner of Health, shall develop curriculum guidelines for
13 the teaching of information on the prevention of Lyme Disease and
14 other tick-borne diseases within the public school health
15 curriculum. The guidelines shall emphasize disease prevention **[and**
16 **sensitivity for persons with the disease]** and include topics such as
17 the biology of various tick species, tick habitats, a list of diseases
18 transmitted by ticks, recommended attire and repellants to help
19 protect an individual from ticks, how to perform tick checks, proper
20 techniques for the removal of ticks, and symptoms an individual
21 may experience after receiving a tick bite. The Commissioner of
22 Education shall periodically review and update the guidelines to
23 insure that the curriculum reflects the most current information
24 available.

25 (cf: P.L.2017, c.131, s.24)

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27 2. Section 2 of P.L.1991, c.488 (C.18A:35-5.2) is amended to
28 read as follows:

29 2. a. The commissioner shall make the curriculum guidelines
30 available to all school districts in the State **[and shall encourage**
31 **their adoption by those districts which are located in areas of the**
32 **State which have a high incidence of Lyme Disease]**.

33 b. A board of education shall incorporate the curriculum
34 guidelines developed pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1991, c.488
35 (C.18A:35-5.1) in an appropriate place in the curriculum of students
36 in grades kindergarten through 12 as part of the school district's
37 implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in
38 Comprehensive Health and Physical Education.

39 c. A board of education shall also consult resources from a
40 nationally-recognized organization with expertise in Lyme Disease
41 or other tick-borne diseases in fulfilling the requirements of
42 subsection b. of this section.

43 (cf: P.L.1991, c.488, s.2)

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 3. (New section) a. A board of education shall develop a
2 policy concerning the discovery and removal of ticks on students.

3 The policy shall require the school physician or school nurse to:

4 (1) remove the tick from the student in accordance with
5 guidelines issued by the Department of Health pursuant to section 3
6 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this
7 bill);

8 (2) properly store the tick for no more than seven days;

9 (3) label the tick with the date of removal and name of the
10 student; and

11 (4) provide notice to the student's parent or guardian by
12 telephone, email, or letter to be delivered by the student on the day
13 the tick was removed.

14 b. Notice provided to a parent or guardian pursuant to
15 subsection a. of this section shall include the following: (1) the
16 student's name, (2) the date the tick was removed, (3) a statement
17 that the school is holding the tick for up to seven days so that the
18 parent or guardian may collect the tick and send it to be tested for
19 Lyme Disease or other tick-borne diseases, and (4) a list of facilities
20 in the State that perform tick testing. The notice shall further advise
21 the parent or guardian to promptly seek medical treatment if the
22 student presents symptoms such as rash, chills, fever, headache,
23 tiredness, stiff neck, joint pain or swelling, or swollen lymph nodes
24 within three to 30 days of removal.

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26 4. (New section) The Department of Health shall publish on
27 the department's Internet website guidelines concerning the
28 discovery and removal of ticks on students and a list of facilities in
29 the State that perform tick testing that includes the address, phone
30 number, and website of each facility on the list. The guidelines
31 shall be distributed to each school district in the State consultation
32 with the Department of Education.

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34 5. The Department of Health and the State Board of Education
35 shall promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to the
36 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
37 seq.) necessary to effectuate the provisions of this act.

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39 6. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to the
40 first full school year following the date of enactment.

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STATEMENT

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45 This bill requires a board of education to incorporate curriculum
46 guidelines concerning Lyme Disease and other tick-borne diseases
47 as part of the school district's implementation of the New Jersey
48 Student Learning Standards in Comprehensive Health and Physical

1 Education. The guidelines would emphasize disease prevention and
2 include topics such as the biology of various tick species, tick
3 habitats, a list of diseases transmitted by ticks, recommended attire
4 and repellants to help protect an individual from ticks, how to
5 perform tick checks, proper techniques for the removal of ticks, and
6 symptoms an individual may experience after receiving a tick bite.
7 A board of education would also be required to consult resources
8 from a nationally-recognized organization with expertise in Lyme
9 Disease or other tick-borne diseases in fulfilling the requirements of
10 the bill. A board of education would further be required to develop
11 a policy concerning the discovery and removal of ticks on students.

12 Under current law, the Commissioner of Education, in
13 consultation with the Commissioner of Health, is required to
14 develop curriculum guidelines for the teaching of information on
15 the prevention of Lyme Disease within the public school health
16 curriculum. In particular, the guidelines are required to emphasize
17 disease prevention and sensitivity for persons with the disease. The
18 Commissioner of Education is tasked with periodically reviewing
19 and updating the guidelines to insure that the curriculum reflects the
20 most current information available, making the guidelines available
21 to all school districts in the State, and encouraging their adoption by
22 those districts that are located in areas of the State which have a
23 high incidence of Lyme Disease.

24 This bill would require the Commissioner of Education to
25 develop curriculum guidelines for both Lyme Disease and other
26 tick-borne diseases. A board of education would also be required to
27 incorporate the curriculum guidelines developed by the
28 Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the Commissioner
29 of Health, in an appropriate place in the curriculum of students in
30 grades kindergarten through 12 as part of the school district's
31 implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in
32 Comprehensive Health and Physical Education. A board of
33 education would further be required to use resources from a
34 nationally-recognized organization with expertise in Lyme Disease
35 or other tick-borne diseases in fulfilling the requirements of the bill.

36 The bill also requires a board of education to develop a policy
37 concerning the discovery and removal of ticks on students.
38 Specifically, the policy will require the school physician or school
39 nurse to:

- 40 • remove the tick from the student in accordance with
41 guidelines issued by the Department of Health pursuant to the
42 bill;
- 43 • properly store the tick for no more than seven days;
- 44 • label the tick with the date of removal and name of the
45 student; and
- 46 • provide notice to the student's parent or guardian by
47 telephone, email, or letter to be delivered by the student on
48 the day the tick was removed.

1 The notice provided to parents and guardians under the bill would
2 include the student's name, the date the tick was removed, a
3 statement that the school is holding the tick for up to seven days so
4 that the parent or guardian may collect the tick and send it to be
5 tested for Lyme Disease or other tick-borne diseases, and a list of
6 facilities in the State that perform tick testing. The notice will
7 further advise the parent or guardian to promptly seek medical
8 treatment if the student presents symptoms such as rash, chills,
9 fever, headache, tiredness, stiff neck, joint pain or swelling, or
10 swollen lymph nodes within three to 30 days of removal.

11 The Department of Health will be required to publish on the
12 department's Internet website guidelines concerning the discovery
13 and removal of ticks on students and a list of facilities in the State
14 that perform tick testing. The department is also required to
15 distribute the guidelines and the list to school districts in
16 consultation with the Department of Education.

ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2463

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 16, 2023

The Assembly Education Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2463 with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill requires a board of education to incorporate curriculum guidelines concerning Lyme Disease and other tick-borne diseases in an appropriate place in the curriculum of students in grades kindergarten through 12 as part of the school district's implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Comprehensive Health and Physical Education.

These guidelines are to emphasize disease prevention and include topics such as the biology of various tick species, tick habitats, a list of diseases transmitted by ticks, recommended attire and repellants to help protect an individual from ticks, how to perform tick checks, proper techniques for the removal of ticks, and symptoms an individual may experience after receiving a tick bite. The bill also requires boards of education to consult resources from multiple nationally-recognized organizations with expertise in Lyme Disease or other tick-borne diseases in fulfilling the requirements of the bill.

The amended bill requires the Commissioner of Education to develop curriculum guidelines for both Lyme Disease and other tick-borne diseases.

The amended bill further requires the Department of Health to publish on the department's Internet website guidelines concerning the discovery and removal of ticks on persons.

As amended and reported, Senate Bill No. 2463 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 4820, which also was amended and reported by the committee on this same date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to:

- include a findings and declarations section;
- require a board of education to consult multiple nationally-recognized organizations with expertise in Lyme Disease or other tick-borne disease to fulfil the requirements of the bill;

- remove the provisions of the bill that would require a board of education to develop a policy concerning the discovery and removal of ticks on students; and
- remove a provision in the bill that required the Department of Health to provide guidelines concerning the discovery and removal of ticks to each school district in the State and to publish a list on its Internet website of facilities in the State that perform tick testing.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2463

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 20, 2022

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 2463.

This bill requires a board of education to incorporate curriculum guidelines concerning Lyme Disease and other tick-borne diseases as part of the school district's implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Comprehensive Health and Physical Education. The guidelines would emphasize disease prevention and include topics such as the biology of various tick species, tick habitats, a list of diseases transmitted by ticks, recommended attire and repellants to help protect an individual from ticks, how to perform tick checks, proper techniques for the removal of ticks, and symptoms an individual may experience after receiving a tick bite. A board of education would also be required to consult resources from a nationally-recognized organization with expertise in Lyme Disease or other tick-borne diseases in fulfilling the requirements of the bill. A board of education would further be required to develop a policy concerning the discovery and removal of ticks on students.

This bill would require the Commissioner of Education to develop curriculum guidelines for both Lyme Disease and other tick-borne diseases. A board of education would also be required to incorporate the curriculum guidelines developed by the Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the Commissioner of Health, in an appropriate place in the curriculum of students in grades kindergarten through 12 as part of the school district's implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Comprehensive Health and Physical Education. A board of education would further be required to use resources from a nationally-recognized organization with expertise in Lyme Disease or other tick-borne diseases in fulfilling the requirements of the bill.

The bill also requires a board of education to develop a policy concerning the discovery and removal of ticks on students. Specifically, the policy will require the school physician or school nurse to:

- remove the tick from the student in accordance with guidelines issued by the Department of Health pursuant to the bill;
- properly store the tick for no more than seven days;

- label the tick with the date of removal and name of the student; and
- provide notice to the student's parent or guardian by telephone, email, or letter to be delivered by the student on the day the tick was removed.

The notice provided to parents and guardians under the bill would include the student's name, the date the tick was removed, a statement that the school is holding the tick for up to seven days so that the parent or guardian may collect the tick and send it to be tested for Lyme Disease or other tick-borne diseases, and a list of facilities in the State that perform tick testing. The notice will further advise the parent or guardian to promptly seek medical treatment if the student presents symptoms such as rash, chills, fever, headache, tiredness, stiff neck, joint pain or swelling, or swollen lymph nodes within three to 30 days of removal.

The Department of Health will be required to publish on the department's Internet website guidelines concerning the discovery and removal of ticks on students and a list of facilities in the State that perform tick testing. The department is also required to distribute the guidelines and the list to school districts in consultation with the Department of Education.

ASSEMBLY, No. 4820

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 24, 2022

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman JOSEPH V. EGAN

District 17 (Middlesex and Somerset)

SYNOPSIS

Requires school districts to provide instruction on prevention of Lyme Disease and other tick-borne diseases and to develop policy concerning removal of ticks.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning instruction on Lyme Disease and other tick-
2 borne diseases in public schools, amending P.L.1991, c.488, and
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4 Statutes.

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6 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
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16 sensitivity for persons with the disease**]** and include topics such as
17 the biology of various tick species, tick habitats, a list of diseases
18 transmitted by ticks, recommended attire and repellants to help
19 protect an individual from ticks, how to perform tick checks, proper
20 techniques for the removal of ticks, and symptoms an individual
21 may experience after receiving a tick bite. The Commissioner of
22 Education shall periodically review and update the guidelines to
23 insure that the curriculum reflects the most current information
24 available.

25 (cf: P.L.2017, c.131, s.24)

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27 2. Section 2 of P.L.1991, c.488 (C.18A:35-5.2) is amended to
28 read as follows:

29 2. a. The commissioner shall make the curriculum guidelines
30 available to all school districts in the State **[**and shall encourage
31 their adoption by those districts which are located in areas of the
32 State which have a high incidence of Lyme Disease**]**.

33 b. A board of education shall incorporate the curriculum
34 guidelines developed pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1991, c.488
35 (C.18A:35-5.1) in an appropriate place in the curriculum of students
36 in grades kindergarten through 12 as part of the school district's
37 implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in
38 Comprehensive Health and Physical Education.

39 c. A board of education shall also consult resources from a
40 nationally-recognized organization with expertise in Lyme Disease
41 or other tick-borne diseases in fulfilling the requirements of
42 subsection b. of this section.

43 (cf: P.L.1991, c.488, s.2)

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5 guidelines issued by the Department of Health pursuant to section 3
6 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this
7 bill);

8 (2) properly store the tick for no more than seven days;

9 (3) label the tick with the date of removal and name of the
10 student; and

11 (4) provide notice to the student's parent or guardian by
12 telephone, email, or letter to be delivered by the student on the day
13 the tick was removed.

14 b. Notice provided to a parent or guardian pursuant to
15 subsection a. of this section shall include the following: (1) the
16 student's name, (2) the date the tick was removed, (3) a statement
17 that the school is holding the tick for up to seven days so that the
18 parent or guardian may collect the tick and send it to be tested for
19 Lyme Disease or other tick-borne diseases, and (4) a list of facilities
20 in the State that perform tick testing. The notice shall further advise
21 the parent or guardian to promptly seek medical treatment if the
22 student presents symptoms such as rash, chills, fever, headache,
23 tiredness, stiff neck, joint pain or swelling, or swollen lymph nodes
24 within three to 30 days of removal.

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26 4. (New section) The Department of Health shall publish on
27 the department's Internet website guidelines concerning the
28 discovery and removal of ticks on students and a list of facilities in
29 the State that perform tick testing that includes the address, phone
30 number, and website of each facility on the list. The guidelines
31 shall be distributed to each school district in the State consultation
32 with the Department of Education.

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34 5. The Department of Health and the State Board of Education
35 shall promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to the
36 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
37 seq.) necessary to effectuate the provisions of this act.

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39 6. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to the
40 first full school year following the date of enactment.

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STATEMENT

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45 This bill requires a board of education to incorporate curriculum
46 guidelines concerning Lyme Disease and other tick-borne diseases
47 as part of the school district's implementation of the New Jersey
48 Student Learning Standards in Comprehensive Health and Physical

1 Education. The guidelines would emphasize disease prevention and
2 include topics such as the biology of various tick species, tick
3 habitats, a list of diseases transmitted by ticks, recommended attire
4 and repellants to help protect an individual from ticks, how to
5 perform tick checks, proper techniques for the removal of ticks, and
6 symptoms an individual may experience after receiving a tick bite.
7 A board of education would also be required to consult resources
8 from a nationally-recognized organization with expertise in Lyme
9 Disease or other tick-borne diseases in fulfilling the requirements of
10 the bill. A board of education would further be required to develop
11 a policy concerning the discovery and removal of ticks on students.

12 This bill would require the Commissioner of Education to
13 develop curriculum guidelines for both Lyme Disease and other
14 tick-borne diseases. A board of education would also be required to
15 incorporate the curriculum guidelines developed by the
16 Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the Commissioner
17 of Health, in an appropriate place in the curriculum of students in
18 grades kindergarten through 12 as part of the school district's
19 implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in
20 Comprehensive Health and Physical Education. A board of
21 education would further be required to use resources from a
22 nationally-recognized organization with expertise in Lyme Disease
23 or other tick-borne diseases in fulfilling the requirements of the bill.

24 The bill also requires a board of education to develop a policy
25 concerning the discovery and removal of ticks on students.
26 Specifically, the policy will require the school physician or school
27 nurse to:

- 28 • remove the tick from the student in accordance with
29 guidelines issued by the Department of Health pursuant to the
30 bill;
- 31 • properly store the tick for no more than seven days;
- 32 • label the tick with the date of removal and name of the
33 student; and
- 34 • provide notice to the student's parent or guardian by
35 telephone, email, or letter to be delivered by the student on
36 the day the tick was removed.

37 The notice provided to parents and guardians under the bill would
38 include the student's name, the date the tick was removed, a
39 statement that the school is holding the tick for up to seven days so
40 that the parent or guardian may collect the tick and send it to be
41 tested for Lyme Disease or other tick-borne diseases, and a list of
42 facilities in the State that perform tick testing. The notice will
43 further advise the parent or guardian to promptly seek medical
44 treatment if the student presents symptoms such as rash, chills,
45 fever, headache, tiredness, stiff neck, joint pain or swelling, or
46 swollen lymph nodes within three to 30 days of removal.

47 The Department of Health will be required to publish on the
48 department's Internet website guidelines concerning the discovery

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1 and removal of ticks on students and a list of facilities in the State
2 that perform tick testing. The department is also required to
3 distribute the guidelines and the list to school districts in
4 consultation with the Department of Education.

ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 4820

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 16, 2023

The Assembly Education Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4820 with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill requires a board of education to incorporate curriculum guidelines concerning Lyme Disease and other tick-borne diseases in an appropriate place in the curriculum of students in grades kindergarten through 12 as part of the school district's implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Comprehensive Health and Physical Education.

These guidelines are to emphasize disease prevention and include topics such as the biology of various tick species, tick habitats, a list of diseases transmitted by ticks, recommended attire and repellants to help protect an individual from ticks, how to perform tick checks, proper techniques for the removal of ticks, and symptoms an individual may experience after receiving a tick bite. The bill requires these boards of education to consult resources from multiple nationally-recognized organizations with expertise in Lyme Disease or other tick-borne diseases in fulfilling the requirements of the bill.

The amended bill requires the Commissioner of Education to develop curriculum guidelines for both Lyme Disease and other tick-borne diseases.

The amended bill further requires the Department of Health to publish on the department's Internet website guidelines concerning the discovery and removal of ticks on persons.

As amended and reported, Assembly Bill No. 4820 is identical to Senate Bill No. 2463, which also was amended and reported by the committee on this same date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to:

- include a findings and declarations section;
- require a board of education to consult multiple nationally-recognized organizations with expertise in Lyme Disease or other tick-borne disease to fulfil the requirements of the bill;

- remove the provisions of the bill that would require a board of education to develop a policy concerning the discovery and removal of ticks on students; and
- remove a provision in the bill that required the Department of Health to provide guidelines concerning the discovery and removal of ticks to each school district in the State and to publish a list on its Internet website of facilities in the State that perform tick testing.

Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

05/15/2023

TRENTON – Today, Governor Murphy signed the following bills into law:

S-2081/A-3147 (Greenstein, Sacco/DeAngelo, McKnight, Murphy) - Concerns investigation of missing persons cases

S-2463/A-4820 (Smith, Zwicker/Egan, McKnight) - Requires school districts to provide instruction on prevention of Lyme Disease and other tick-borne diseases in grades kindergarten through 12; requires DOH to publish certain guidelines concerning ticks

S-3349/A-5327 (Sarlo, Cryan/Calabrese) - Requires payment of tuition for certain non-resident public school students

Governor Murphy conditionally vetoed the following bills:

S-916/A-3966 (Beach/Freiman, Murphy, Verrelli) – CONDITIONAL - Establishes trail signage program for alcohol manufacturers in New Jersey

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S-3090/A-4498 (Gopal, Lagana/DeAngelo, Murphy, Atkins) – CONDITONAL - Provides retirement allowance after 20 years of service regardless of age for members of PFRS

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A-4889/S-3363 (Coughlin, DiMaio/Scutari, Pou) – CONDITONAL - Removes requirement that certain government officers disclose the address of their home or secondary residence, or that of their immediate family on financial disclosure statements

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Governor Murphy absolute vetoed the following bill:

A-4035/S-3577 (Mukherji, Dancer, Wimberly/Sarlo) – ABSOLUTE - Requires gubernatorial appointment of State Agriculture

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