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SPONSOR(S) Brown

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SENATE: Education

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SENATE, No. 452

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 27, 1992

By Senator BROWN

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2 chapter 35 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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8 intellectual creativity, and improves problem-solving ability
9 while raising self esteem;

10 b. when youngsters play chess they must call upon
11 higher-order thinking skills, analyze actions and consequences,
12 and visualize future possibilities;

13 c. in countries where chess is offered widely in schools,
14 students exhibit excellence in the ability to recognize complex
15 patterns and consequently excel in math and science; and

16 d. instruction in chess during the second grade will enable
17 pupils to learn skills which will serve them throughout their lives.

18 2. Each board of education may offer instruction in chess
19 during the second grade for pupils in gifted and talented and
20 special education programs. The Department of Education
21 ¹[shall] may¹ establish guidelines to be used by boards of
22 education which offer chess instruction in those programs.

23 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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28 Provides that boards of education may offer chess instruction for
29 certain 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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Senate SED committee amendments adopted June 29, 1992.

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STATEMENT

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28 This bill provides that each board of education may offer
29 instruction in chess during the second grade for pupils in gifted
30 and talented and special education programs. The Department of
31 Education is required to establish guidelines to be used by boards
32 which offer chess instruction.

33 Instruction in chess meets a need for the development of
34 higher-order thinking skills which will transfer to other academic
35 areas. Chess involves all aspects of critical thinking, requires
36 intense concentration and visualization, stimulates intellectual
37 creativity, improves problem-solving skills, and makes learning
38 fun.

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ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

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SENATE No. 452

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 23, 1992

The Assembly Education Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 452 [1R].

This bill provides that a board of education may offer instruction in chess during the second grade for pupils in gifted and talented and special education programs. The Department of Education may establish guidelines to be used by boards which offer chess instruction.

This bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 1122 of 1992 with committee amendments.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 452

with Senate committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 29, 1992

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports this bill with committee amendments.

This bill, as amended, provides that a board of education may offer instruction in chess during the second grade for pupils in gifted and talented and special education programs. The Department of Education may establish guidelines to be used by boards which offer chess instruction.

The committee amended the bill to make the establishment of guidelines by the Department of Education permissive rather than mandatory.