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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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Senate: Education

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ASSEMBLY, No. 3164

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MAY 16, 1988

By Assemblymen CIMINO, PATERO, Girgenti,
Bryant and Roberts

1 AN ACT concerning the reporting of school fires and
supplementing chapter 41 of Title 18A of the New Jersey
3 Statutes.

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

7 1. ¹[Each school district] The bureau of fire safety in the
Department of Community Affairs, in consultation with the
9 Department of Education,¹ shall ¹[establish and]¹ maintain a
¹[School Fire Incident Reporting System, with the assistance of
11 the bureau of fire safety in the Department of Community
Affairs, which shall contain a record of] system for gathering
13 data on¹ all fires that occur in any ¹[of its buildings throughout
the year. The reporting system shall include, but not be limited
15 to, information on the frequency, causes, spread and
extinguishment of the fires, as well as on property loss and the
17 number, nature, and causes of injuries and deaths resulting from
the fires] public school building or on public school property¹.

19 2. ¹[Data from the reporting system required in section 1 of
this act shall be forwarded to the] Each school district shall
21 immediately notify the appropriate¹ local fire ¹[official who, in
turn,] department of any fire which occurs in a school building or
23 on school property. The local fire department¹ shall forward the
data to the bureau of fire safety in the Department of
25 Community Affairs ¹[on forms provided by the bureau to each
local fire official]¹.

27 3. ¹[The] Annually the bureau of fire safety shall prepare a
report summarizing the data collected on school fires and provide
29 the report to the¹ Commissioner of Education ¹[shall prepare
copies of this act for distribution to each school district]¹.

31 4. This act shall take effect on the ¹[first day of July next]
sixtieth day¹ following its enactment.

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 Assembly AED committee amendments adopted August 12, 1988.

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be limited to, information on the frequency, causes, spread and
13 extinguishment of the fires, as well as on property loss and the
number, nature, and causes of injuries and deaths resulting from
15 the fires.

2. Data from the reporting system required in section 1 of this
17 act shall be forwarded to the local fire official who, in turn, shall
forward the data to the bureau of fire safety in the Department
19 of Community Affairs on forms provided by the bureau to each
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STATEMENT

29 This bill requires a school district, through a School Fire
Incident Reporting System, to collect data concerning fires in its
31 buildings and make reports quarterly to its local fire officials.
The fire officials, in turn, would be responsible for forwarding the
33 data on State prescribed forms to the bureau of fire safety in the
Department of Community Affairs. Data collected from the

1 various school systems could be analyzed by the bureau and used
for setting priorities and targeting resources for fire prevention
3 programs and fire extinguishment in the schools.

The bill implements a recommendation contained in a report
5 entitled "The Juvenile Firesetter" prepared by the Bureau of Fire
Safety in conjunction with the New Jersey Task Force on Juvenile
7 Firesetting.

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ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3164

with Assembly committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: AUGUST 1, 1988

The Assembly Education Committee favorably reports Assembly, No. 3164 as amended.

As amended, this bill requires each school district to report immediately all fires occurring on school property to the appropriate local fire department. The local fire department would report data on school fires to the Bureau of Fire Safety in the Department of Community Affairs. The bureau, in consultation with the Department of Education, shall maintain a system for gathering data on school fires. Data collected through this system would be reported by the bureau in an annual report.

The committee amendments, recommended by the sponsor, clarify the role of the Bureau of Fire Safety in the maintenance of the reporting system, require that all school fires be reported immediately, and change the effective date of the act to the sixtieth day following enactment.

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SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[FIRST REPRINT]

ASSEMBLY, No. 3164

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 1, 1988

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

This bill requires each school district to report immediately all fires occurring on school property to the appropriate local fire department. The local fire department would report data on school fires to the Bureau of Fire Safety in the Department of Community Affairs. The bureau, in consultation with the Department of Education, shall maintain a system for gathering data on school fires. Data collected through this system would be reported by the bureau in an annual report.

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