

18A:22-8

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

**NJSA:** 18A:22-8 (School budgets-- include certain items as line items)

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**Senate:** Education

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**Senate** Yes

**Fiscal Note:** No

**Veto Message:** No

**Message on Signing:** No

**Following were printed:**

**Reports:** No

**Hearings:** No

See newspaper clipping-- attached:

"NJ school boards forced to keep tighter books," 3-15-89 Star Ledger.

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[FIRST REPRINT]  
ASSEMBLY, No. 215

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1988 SESSION

By Assemblyman NAPLES

1 AN ACT concerning school district budgets and amending <sup>1</sup>and  
2 supplementing<sup>1</sup> 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 [1.] 18A:22-8. The budget shall be prepared in such detail and  
8 upon such forms as shall be prescribed by the commissioner and  
9 to it shall be annexed a statement so itemized as to make the  
10 same 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 item  
15 for the preceding school year, the amount appropriated for the  
16 current school year, the amount estimated to be necessary to be  
17 appropriated for the ensuing school year, indicated separately for  
18 at least the following items:

19 (a) Salaries-administration

(b) Salaries-teaching

21 (c) Salaries-custodial and maintenance

(d) Categorical programs

23 (i) Salaries

(ii) Other

25 (e) Utilities-including fuel

(f) Textbooks

27 (g) School supplies-educational

(h) School supplies-maintenance and other

29 (i) Libraries

(j) Transportation of pupils

31 (k) Insurance

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:  
Assembly AED committee amendments adopted August 12, 1988.

- 1        (l) Legal fees <sup>1</sup>[, specifying payees and amounts received during  
the preceding year]<sup>1</sup>
- 3        (m) Consulting fees, including negotiating fees <sup>1</sup>[, specifying  
payees and amounts received during the preceding year]<sup>1</sup>
- 5        (n) Contracts for maintenance <sup>1</sup>[, specifying payees and  
amounts received during the preceding year]<sup>1</sup>
- 7        [(l)] (o) Furniture and equipment  
         [(m)] (p) Repairs and renewals
- 9        [(n)] (q) Evening schools  
         [(o)] (r) Classes for the foreign born
- 11       [(p)] (s) Vocational evening schools and courses  
         [(q)] (t) Tuition paid to other districts
- 13       [(r)] (u) Interest and debt redemption charges, in type II  
districts.
- 15       [(s)] (v) Any other major purposes including any capital project  
which it is desired to include in the annual budget;
- 17       (2) The amount of the surplus account available at the  
beginning of the preceding school year, at the beginning of the  
19       current school year and the amount anticipated to be available  
for the ensuing school year;
- 21       (3) The amount of revenue available for budget purposes for the  
preceding school year, the amount available for the current  
23       school year and the amount anticipated to be available for the  
ensuing school year in the following categories:
- 25       (a) Total to be raised by local property taxes  
         (b) Total State aid
- 27                (i) Equalization aid  
                  (ii) Categorical aid
- 29                (iii) Transportation aid.  
                  (iv) Other
- 31       (c) Total Federal aid  
         (i) E.S.E.A. (P.L. 89-10)
- 33                (ii) Manpower development  
                  (iii) Other
- 35                (iv) Other sources
- b. In addition, the commissioner may provide for a program  
37       budget system.  
(cf: P.L.1979, c.294, s.1)

1       <sup>1</sup>2. (New section) Each board of education shall maintain a  
2       current and updated listing of payments made for: a. legal fees;  
3       b. consulting fees, including negotiating fees; and c. contracts for  
4       maintenance. Each list shall specify payees and amounts received  
5       during the previous and current school years.

6       Each of these lists shall be available for public inspection  
7       during normal business hours. Copies of the lists shall be made  
8       available to the public at a reasonable cost.<sup>1</sup>

9       <sup>1</sup>[2.] 3.<sup>1</sup> This act shall take effect immediately and shall be  
10       applicable to the <sup>1</sup>[1985-86] 1989-90<sup>1</sup> school year and thereafter.

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Requires school budgets to include certain items as line items.

1       2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be  
applicable to the 1985-86 school year and thereafter.

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STATEMENT

7       This bill amends N.J.S. 18A:22-8 to require that the budgets  
for school districts include legal fees, consulting fees, and  
9       contracts for maintenance as line items. In addition, the bill  
requires that the budget identify all payments made under these  
11      line items during the preceding year.

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ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 215**

with Assembly committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: AUGUST 1, 1988

The Assembly Education Committee favorably reports Assembly, No. 215 as amended.

As amended, this bill requires that the budgets for school districts include legal fees, consulting fees, and contracts for maintenance as line items.

In addition, districts are required to maintain a current and updated listing of payments made for legal fees, consulting fees and contracts for maintenance. Each list shall specify payees and amounts received during the previous and current school years. Each of these lists shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours. Copies of the lists shall be made available to the public at a reasonable cost.

The committee amendments clarify the sponsor's intention that expenditures for the three designated areas be accompanied by the same level of specificity in the budget and supporting documents as are other personnel expenditures. The amendments also provide for the maintenance of the current lists.

This bill was prefiled for introduction in the 1988 session pending technical review. As amended the bill includes the changes required by technical review which has been performed.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[FIRST REPRINT]

ASSEMBLY, No. 215

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 26, 1989

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

This bill requires that the budgets for school districts include legal fees, consulting fees, and contracts for maintenance as line items. Expenditures for the three designated areas are to be accompanied by the same level of specificity in the budget and supporting documents as are other personnel expenditures.

In addition, districts are required to maintain a current and updated listing of payments made for legal fees, consulting fees and contracts for maintenance. Each list shall specify payees and amounts received during the previous and current school years. Each of these lists shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours. Copies of the lists shall be made available to the public at a reasonable cost.