

18A:22-8.1

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 18A:22-8.1 (School Finances-- allow designated individual to approve line item transfers)

LAWS OF: 1987 CHAPTER: 196

Bill No: S2339

Sponsor(s): Dumont

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Committee: Assembly: -----

Senate: Education

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SENATE, No. 2339

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JUNE 26, 1986

By Senator DUMONT

Referred to Committee on Education

AN ACT concerning school budgets and amending P. L. 1979, c. 294.

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

1 1. Section 2 of P. L. 1979, c. 294 (C. 18A:22-8.1) is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 2. Whenever **[a school district desires]** **[it is necessary]** **a*
4 *school district desires** to transfer **[amounts]** **[funds]** **amounts**
5 among line items and program categories, **[or change the pur-**
6 **pose for which funds were appropriated within line items and**
7 **program categories such]** **[the board of education may appoint,*
8 *by resolution, at the organization meeting, a person to make]**
9 **the** transfers **shall be by resolution of the board of education;*
10 *however, a board may, by resolution, designate the chief school*
11 *administrator to approve such transfers as are necessary between*
12 *meetings of the board** **[and changes of purpose shall not be**
13 **made except by a resolution of the board of education].** *Transfers*
14 **[made]** **approved** *by the* **[appointed person]** **chief school*
15 *administrator** *shall be reported to the board* **, ratified** *and duly*
16 *recorded in the minutes at a subsequent meeting of the board, but*
17 *not less than* **[quarterly]** **monthly*.*

18 **[If the board does not appoint a person responsible to make*
19 *transfers, the board shall approve transfers by resolution at a*
20 *regularly scheduled board meeting.]**

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EDUCATION—FINANCE AND STATE AID

Permits a school board to designate the chief school administrator to approve line item transfers.

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 printed in italics thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in asterisks or stars has been adopted as follows:

*—Senate committee amendments adopted February 26, 1987.

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STATEMENT

This bill permits a school board to designate an individual to approve transfers of funds among line items or program categories contained in the school budget. Any transfers so approved shall be reported to the board and recorded in the minutes of a subsequent meeting of the board.

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SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2339

with Senate committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 26, 1987

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports this bill as amended.

As amended, this bill would permit a board of education to designate chief school administrator to approve transfers of funds in the school district's budget among line items or program categories. These transfers would have to be reported to the board, ratified and recorded in the board minutes on no less than a monthly basis.

Under law, a board of education must prepare a line item budget detailing the amount to be spent for each item or program category. (N. J. S. A. 18A:22-8). The board has the authority to change the purpose for which funds were originally appropriated by resolution of the board. However, funds cannot be transferred from appropriations for interest and debt redemption; capital reserve funds; items classified as current expenses except to other items so classified; and, items classified as capital projects except to other capital projects. (N. J. S. A. 18A:22-8.2).

The committee amendments specify that only the chief school administrator may delegate this authority, and require that the transfers be reported on a monthly rather than on a quarterly basis.