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SENATE, No. 392

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 209th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2000 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Senator RAYMOND J. LESNIAK

District 20 (Union)

Senator DONALD T. DIFRANCESCO

District 22 (Middlesex, Morris, Somerset and Union)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senator Inverso

SYNOPSIS

Requires boards of education to file information on violence and vandalism in the schools with the DOE.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/27/2000)

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15 The principal shall notify the district superintendent of schools of
16 the action taken regarding the incident. Annually, at a [public
17 meeting] public hearing in October, the superintendent of schools shall
18 report to the board of education all acts of violence and vandalism
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20 the public hearing shall be transcribed and kept on file by the board of
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23 part of the State's monitoring of the school district, and the State
24 Board of Education shall adopt regulations that impose a penalty on
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32 with the Division of Student Services in the Department of Education
33 by November 1. The division shall review the transcript to ensure
34 compliance with this section of law. The costs of staff training and
35 transcribing the public hearing and printing the transcript shall be paid
36 by the Department of Education.

37 (cf: P.L.1982, c.163, s.1)

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39 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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6 November 1, the board of education must file the transcript with the
7 Division of Student Services in the Department of Education, and the
8 division would review it to ensure that there has been compliance with
9 the requirements of the law.

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11 report on school violence and vandalism be part of the State's
12 monitoring of the district and that the State Board of Education adopt
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SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 392

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 26, 2001

The Senate Education Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 392.

This bill amends a statute that requires school employees to file reports describing incidents of violence and provides that in October of each year, the superintendent of schools must report to the board of education at a public hearing all acts of violence and vandalism which occurred in the school district during the previous school year. The public hearing would be transcribed and kept on file by the board of education, which would make the transcript available to the public. The bill further provides that by November 1, the board of education must file the transcript with the Division of Student Services in the Department of Education, and the division would review it to ensure that there has been compliance with the requirements of the law.

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This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2000 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 392

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 7, 2001

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As reported by committee, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3322.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 392

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 21, 2001

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 392.

Senate Bill No. 392 requires the superintendent of schools to report to the board of education at a public hearing all acts of violence and vandalism that occurred in the school district during the previous school year.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill was not certified as requiring a fiscal note, based on a determination that the bill has no impact on State revenues or expenditures.

SENATE, No. 392

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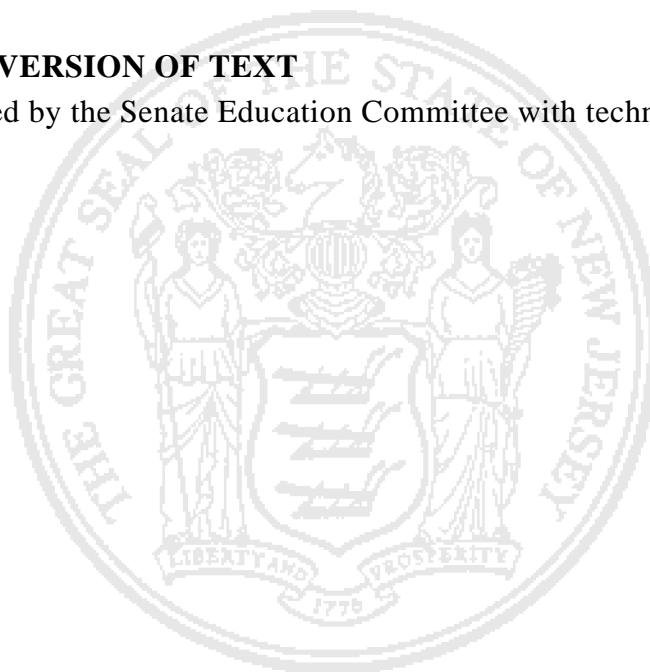
Senators Inverso, Allen, Assemblywoman Buono, Assemblymen Geist, Cohen and Assemblywoman Previte

SYNOPSIS

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CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Education Committee with technical review.



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ASSEMBLY, No. 3322

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 209th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 22, 2001

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman BARBARA BUONO

District 18 (Middlesex)

Assemblyman GEORGE F. GEIST

District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblyman Cohen and Assemblywoman Previte

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ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3322

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 7, 2001

The Assembly Education Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 3322.

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ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

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ASSEMBLY, No. 3322

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 21, 2001

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P.L. 2001, CHAPTER 299, *approved January 2, 2002*
Senate, No. 392

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CHAPTER 299

AN ACT concerning violence in the public schools and amending P.L.1982, c.163.

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1. Section 1 of P.L.1982, c. 163 (C.18A:17-46) is amended to read as follows:

C.18A:17-46 Reporting of act of violence by school employee; annual report; public hearing.

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Approved January 2, 2002.