

18A:19-1 et al

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA 18A:19-1 et al. (School boards--appoint person to audit certain accounts prior to presentation to board)
LAWS 1982 CHAPTER 196

Bill No. S1606

Sponsor(s) Feldman, Dumont and Ewing

Date Introduced July 12, 1982

Committee: Assembly -----
Senate Education

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Following were printed:

Reports Yes ~~No~~
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Report, referred to in statements:

974.90 New Jersey. Commission on Business Efficiency
S372 of the Public Schools. Financial Management
1982 Subcommittee.
Public school district purchasing programs
in New Jersey: a review of specific issues and
problems. August, 1982.
(pp. 1, 2, 4, Appendix B)

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See also:

974.90 New Jersey. Task Force on Business Efficiency of the Public Schools.
S372 Modern financial management '78: an update for New Jersey
1978 School districts. March, 1978.

(see especially pp 12-13)

CHAPTER 196 LAWS OF N. J. 1982
APPROVED 12-8-82

SENATE, No. 1606

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JULY 12, 1982

By Senators FELDMAN, DUMONT and EWING

Referred to Committee on Education

AN ACT concerning school board expenditure procedures, amending sections 18A:19-1, 18A:19-2 and 18A:19-4 of the New Jersey Statutes, and supplementing chapter 19 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

1 1. N. J. S. 18A:19-1 is amended to read as follows:

2 18A:19-1. The money or funds of the board in the custody of
3 the treasurer of school moneys shall be expended by such treasurer
4 by, and only by, warrants, each made payable to the order of the
5 person entitled to receive the amount thereof and specifying the
6 object for which is issued, signed by the president and secretary
7 of the board and by such treasurer of school moneys,

8 (a) After audit of the account or demand to be paid, by the
9 secretary, and after approval by the board, or

10 (b) In accordance with payrolls duly certified as provided by
11 this title, or

12 (c) For debt service; or

13 (d) *When provided by resolution of the board, after audit of the*
14 *account or demand to be paid, and approval by a person desig-*
15 *nated by the board.*

1 2. N. J. S. 18A:19-2 is amended to read as follows:

2 18A:19-2. No claim or demand against a school district shall be
3 paid by the treasurer unless it is authorized by law and the rules
4 of the board of education of the district, is fully itemized and
5 verified, has been duly audited as required by law, has been

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6 presented to, and approved by, the board at a meeting thereof, *or*
7 *presented to, and approved by a person designated by the board*
8 *for that purpose*, and the amount required to pay the same is
9 available for said purpose.

1 3. N. J. S. 18A:19-4 is amended to read as follows:

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6 certified, in writing, by the secretary and presented by him to the
7 board for its approval at a regularly called meeting and if found
8 to be correct, shall be ordered paid by the board, whereupon the
9 secretary and the president of the board shall issue and sign a
10 warrant in payment therefor. The secretary thereupon shall for-
11 ward such warrant to the treasurer of school moneys of the district.

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2 designate a person in addition to the secretary to audit any
3 account and demand to be paid, and provide for approval of such
4 account or demand by such person or the secretary prior to pres-
5 entation to the board. Any such approval shall be presented to the
6 board at their next meeting for ratification. The board may
7 establish a maximum dollar amount for which payment may be
8 authorized without prior board approval.

1 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill would allow school boards to designate a person, in addition to the board secretary, to audit accounts and demands for payment, and to approve certain accounts and demands prior to presentation to the board.

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SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1606

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 23, 1982

PROVISIONS:

This bill allows a school board to designate a person to audit and approve accounts and demands for payment prior to presentation to the board. The board could establish a maximum amount authorized for payment without prior approval.

BACKGROUND:

This bill is one of a series of bills designed to implement the report of the Financial Management Subcommittee of the Commission on Business Efficiency of the Public Schools.

According to the commission, the requirement that the board approve all claims prior to payment results in the loss of prompt payment discounts. Also, it discourages some vendors, especially small local dealers, from doing business with the board, resulting in limited competition and higher prices.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

RELEASE: IMMEDIATELY

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1982

Governor Thomas H. Kean has signed the following bills:

S-1606, sponsored by Senator Matthew Feldman, D-Bergen (identical to A-1742, sponsored by Assemblyman John A. Rocco, R-Camden), which allows school boards to designate a person in addition to the board secretary to audit accounts and demands prior to presentation to the board. The bill simplifies the procedure for a board of education to make payment.

A-433, sponsored by Assemblyman Robert C. Janiszewski, D-Hudson, which excludes from the plain language law written agreements involving transactions in securities or commodities.

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