

18A: 46-3.1

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA 18A: 46-3.1 (Hearing impaired students -- Commissioner of Education to appoint 4 regional consultants)

LAWS 1981 CHAPTER 350

Bill No. S1446

Sponsor(s) Foran

Date Introduced July 31, 1980

Committee: Assembly Education

Senate Education

Amended during passage Yes ~~XXX~~ Amendments during passage denoted by asterisks

Date of Passage: Assembly Nov. 30, 1981

Senate Feb. 9, 1981

Date of approval Dec. 24, 1981

Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement	Yes	<del>NO</del> (Below)
Committee Statement: Assembly	Yes	<del>NO</del>
Senate	Yes	<del>NO</del> 1-29-81 & 11-10-80
Fiscal Note	<del>YES</del>	No
Veto Message	<del>YES</del>	No
Message on signing	Yes	<del>NO</del>

Following were printed:

Reports	<del>YES</del>	No
Hearings	<del>YES</del>	No

Sponsor's statement:

This bill requires the Commissioner of Education to appoint for each county a specialist in the education of hearing impaired children whose responsibilities shall include assisting the child study teams in the education of children with significant hearing loss.

See newspaper clippings - attached

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**SENATE, No. 1446**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

INTRODUCED JULY 31, 1980

By Senator FORAN

Referred to Committee on Education

AN ACT concerning education **\*[and]\*** *\*,\* supplementing chapter 46 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes *and making an appropriation\**.*

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

1 1. The Commissioner of the Department of Education shall  
 2 appoint **\*[for each county a teacher-consultant who holds appropri-**  
 3 **ate New Jersey certification as a teacher of the deaf and hard of**  
 4 **hearing and has at least 3 years of teaching experience in this**  
 5 **area]\*** *\*four regional consultants for the hearing impaired\**. The  
 6 duties of **\*[the teacher-consultant]\*** *\*these consultants\** shall in-  
 7 clude assisting the child study teams in the educational evaluation  
 8 and placement of hearing handicapped children and the develop-  
 9 ment of appropriate individual educational programs for each  
 10 handicapped child with significant hearing loss.

1 *\*2. There is hereby appropriated for the purposes of this act*  
 2 *\$55,000.00.\**

1 **\*[2.]\*** *\*3.\* This act shall take effect immediately.*

**EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 1446**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MAY 14, 1981

The Assembly Education Committee favorably reports this bill and endorses the statement of the Senate Education Committee which is as follows:

PROVISIONS:

This bill, as amended, requires the Commissioner of Education to appoint four regional consultants for the hearing impaired.

These consultants will assist in the evaluation, placement and development of educational programs for the hearing impaired child.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

This bill appropriates \$55,000.00 for these regional consultants.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The bill originally required the appointment of a teacher consultant for each county. The committee felt it was more appropriate to provide these services on a regional basis.

SENATE REVENUE, FINANCE AND APPROPRIATIONS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 1446**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JANUARY 29, 1981

**PROVISIONS:**

This bill requires the Commissioner of Education to appoint four regional consultants for the hearing impaired.

These consultants will assist in the evaluation, placement, and development of educational programs for the hearing impaired child.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

This bill appropriates \$55,000.00 to meet half-year costs of these regional consultants.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 1446**

with Senate committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: NOVEMBER 10, 1980

**PROVISIONS:**

This bill, as amended, requires the Commissioner of Education to appoint four regional consultants for the hearing impaired.

These consultants will assist in the evaluation, placement, and development of educational programs for the hearing impaired child.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

This bill appropriates \$55,000.00 for these regional consultants.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:**

The bill originally required the appointment of a teacher consultant for each county. The committee felt it was more appropriate to provide these services on a regional basis.

S-1450, establishes within the Department the position of coordinator of education for the hearing impaired. That person's duties will include evaluation, coordinating and developing local, county, regional and state operated educational programs and services for these children.

The bill also appropriates \$16,000 to cover the salary for the first six months.

S-1446, appropriates \$55,000 to the Department for the appointment of four regional consultants for the hearing impaired. These consultants will assist child study teams in the local school districts in the evaluation and placement of hearing handicapped children and in the development of appropriate educational programs.

Currently, school districts receive little guidance in helping children with hearing difficulties. The Department does not have experts on its staff and many schools have little experience in dealing with the special problems of these students.

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