

# 18A:36-40

## LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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**LAWS OF:** 2014                    **CHAPTER:** 2

**NJSA:** 18A:36-40 (Requires school districts to adopt policies concerning electronic communications between employees and students)

**BILL NO:** S441                    (Substituted for A1429)

**SPONSOR(S)** Ruiz and others

**DATE INTRODUCED:** January 14, 2014

**COMMITTEE:**                    **ASSEMBLY:** ---

**SENATE:** Education

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:** No

**DATE OF PASSAGE:**                    **ASSEMBLY:** February 27, 2014

**SENATE:** February 27, 2014

**DATE OF APPROVAL:** April 24, 2014

### FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

**FINAL TEXT OF BILL** (Technical review of pre-filed bill enacted)

#### S441

**SPONSOR'S STATEMENT:** (Begins on page 2 of introduced bill) Yes

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**                    **ASSEMBLY:** No

**SENATE:** Yes

(Audio archived recordings of the committee meetings, corresponding to the date of the committee statement, *may possibly* be found at [www.njleg.state.nj.us](http://www.njleg.state.nj.us))

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:** No

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** No

#### A1429

**SPONSOR'S STATEMENT:** (Begins on page 2 of introduced bill) Yes

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**                    **ASSEMBLY:** Yes

**SENATE:** No

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:** No

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** No

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LAW/RWH

P.L.2014, CHAPTER 2, *approved April 24, 2014*  
Senate, No. 441

1 AN ACT concerning the adoption of electronic communication  
2 policies by public school districts and supplementing chapter 36  
3 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. a. As used in this section, “electronic communication”  
9 means a communication transmitted by means of an electronic  
10 device including, but not limited to, a telephone, cellular phone,  
11 computer, computer network, personal data assistant, or pager.  
12 Electronic communications include, but are not limited to, e-mails,  
13 text messages, instant messages, and communications made by  
14 means of an Internet website, including social media and social  
15 networking websites.

16 b. Each school district shall, within 120 days of the effective  
17 date of this act, adopt a written policy concerning electronic  
18 communications between school employees and students enrolled in  
19 the district. The policy shall include, at a minimum, provisions  
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21 employees and students made via e-mail, cellular phones, social  
22 networking websites, and other Internet-based social media.

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24 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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# SENATE, No. 441

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2014 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator M. TERESA RUIZ**

**District 29 (Essex)**

**Senator DIANE B. ALLEN**

**District 7 (Burlington)**

**SYNOPSIS**

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



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SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 441**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JANUARY 30, 2014

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 441.

This bill would require every public school district to adopt a written policy concerning electronic communications between school employees and students enrolled in the district. The policy must include provisions designed to prevent improper communications between school employees and students made via e-mail, cellular phones, social networking websites, and other Internet-based social media.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2014-2015 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 1429

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2014 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman MARLENE CARIDE**

**District 36 (Bergen and Passaic)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman Caputo**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires school districts to adopt policies concerning electronic communications between employees and students.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/11/2014)**

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ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 1429**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: FEBRUARY 10, 2014

The Assembly Education Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1429.

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