

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

(Summer school "enrichment programs"  
--school districts may offer on a  
tuition basis)

IJSA 18A:54B-1 and 18A:54B-2

LAWS OF 1979

CHAPTER 104

Bill No. A1075

Sponsor(s) Gallo, Bassano and Newman

Date Introduced April 17, 1978

Committee: Assembly Education

Senate Education

Amended during passage Yes

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passage denoted by  
asterisks

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Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement	Yes	<del>xx</del>	(Below)
Committee Statement: Assembly	Yes	<del>xx</del>	
Senate	<del>Yes</del>	No	
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Veto message	<del>Yes</del>	No	
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Reports	<del>Yes</del>	No
Hearings	<del>Yes</del>	No

Sponsor's statement:

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**ASSEMBLY, No. 1075**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

INTRODUCED APRIL 17, 1978

By Assemblymen D. GALLO, BASSANO and NEWMAN

Referred to Committee on Education

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3 a student does not receive credit for graduation *\*and is unrelated*  
4 *to the curriculum content of the regular school program\*.*

1 2. For the purpose of providing enrichment programs in public  
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3 attend such noncredit courses *\*subject to rules and regulations*  
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ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 1075**

with Assembly committee amendments

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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DATED: MAY 25, 1978

PROVISIONS:

Assembly Bill No. 1075 permits local school districts to offer non-credit courses on a tuition basis during the summer.

BACKGROUND AND PROBLEMS ADDRESSED:

Many clients of the schools are currently requesting a variety of courses to be given by the public schools for which there are no public funds available. As a consequence of limited public funds, there is a desire to develop a fiscal base for providing such courses through the use of public school facilities. Assembly Bill No. 1075 proposes a solution by authorizing school boards to charge tuition for such courses.

The major weakness in the original draft of Assembly Bill No. 1075 was that the bill did not include an adequate definition of "enrichment". There are certain types of courses that most people agree should be given on a tuition basis. It is important that a definition of "enrichment" exclude courses that are considered to have an educational function, as defined by the community and school. If the course has educative value, as defined by the existing school curriculum; e.g., an advanced placement course in calculus or physics, it would be difficult for a court to ignore the fact that Assembly Bill No. 1075 provides a way to circumvent the constitution which requires that a "thorough and efficient system of free public schools be available to all children."

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The following Assembly committee amendments were included to remedy the deficiencies identified in the original version of Assembly Bill No. 1075:

1. Limit the offering of "enrichment" courses to those courses which are given during the summer;
2. Require the content of such courses to be limited to areas that are unrelated to the regular school program;
3. Require the State Board of Education to develop rules and regulations to further define such areas that may be included under "enrichment" courses.

By limiting the offering of enrichment courses to the summer session, and by excluding any courses related to the regular school curriculum, the Assembly Education Committee believes that the schools can offer a much desired service to the community.

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 1075**

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ADOPTED MAY 25, 1978

Amend page 1, section 1, line 2, after "any", insert "summer school".

Amend page 1, section 1, line 3, after "graduation", insert "and is unrelated to the curriculum content of the regular school program".

Amend page 1, section 2, line 3, after "courses", insert "subject to rules and regulations promulgated by the State board".

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

MAY 31, 1979

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

KATHRYN FORSYTH

Local school districts are now allowed to provide summer "enrichment programs" on a non-credit, tuition basis under a bill signed today by Governor Brendan Byrne.

The bill, A-1075, was sponsored by Assemblyman Dean Gallo (R-Morris).

The enrichment programs will be limited to summer offerings unrelated to the curriculum content of the regular school program and will be subject to rules and regulations promulgated by the State Board of Education.

Tuition charges will be included in the regular school district budget but will be subtracted for purposes of determining the cap.

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