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P.L.2017, CHAPTER 103, *approved July 13, 2017*  
Senate, No. 1451 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning access to legal decisions regarding special  
2 education and supplementing chapter 46 of Title 18A of the New  
3 Jersey Statutes.

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6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. a. The Department of Education shall <sup>1</sup>**maintain and**<sup>1</sup>  
9 make available on its website an electronic database of legal  
10 decisions concerning special education in New Jersey. The purpose  
11 of the database shall be to provide parents, school districts, child  
12 study team members, and other interested members of the public  
13 with easily accessible information on legal decisions regarding New  
14 Jersey special education matters.

15 b. The database shall contain a full-text copy of each written  
16 decision rendered by the New Jersey Office of Administrative Law  
17 in a special education due process hearing, and, if the decision is  
18 appealed, any subsequent decision on the matter rendered by a court  
19 of the State of New Jersey or a federal court. The database shall  
20 include each special education decision rendered after the effective  
21 date of this act.

22 <sup>1</sup>c. The department may meet the requirements of this section  
23 by maintaining the database directly on its website or by entering  
24 into a memorandum of understanding with another entity or  
25 organization that maintains an electronic database of the legal  
26 decisions, provided that the database is easily accessible to the  
27 general public and the department's website contains a link to the  
28 database or information on how to access and use the database.<sup>1</sup>

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30 2. This act shall take effect <sup>1</sup>**immediately** on the first day of  
31 the seventh month next following the date of enactment<sup>1</sup>.

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36 Directs DOE to make database of special education decisions  
37 available on website.

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Senate floor amendments adopted June 23, 2016.

# SENATE, No. 1451

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 16, 2016

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator M. TERESA RUIZ**

**District 29 (Essex)**

**Senator DIANE B. ALLEN**

**District 7 (Burlington)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Directs DOE to make database of special education decisions available on website.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/21/2016)**

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39 Jersey State court or a federal court must also be included in the  
40 database. The database will include each special education decision  
41 rendered after the bill's effective date.

# ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

**SENATE, No. 1451**

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: NOVEMBER 14, 2016

The Assembly Education Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1451 (1R).

This bill requires the Department of Education to make available an electronic database of legal decisions concerning special education in New Jersey. The department must make the database available on its website so that it can be easily accessed by parents, school districts, child study team members, or other interested members of the public who wish to obtain information on legal decisions regarding New Jersey special education matters.

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As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3856 with committee amendments, which was also reported by the committee on this same date.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 1451**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 20, 2016

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 1451.

This bill requires the Department of Education to maintain an electronic database of legal decisions concerning special education in New Jersey. The department must make the database available on its website so that it can be easily accessed by parents, school districts, child study team members, or other interested members of the public who wish to obtain information on legal decisions regarding New Jersey special education matters.

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STATEMENT TO  
**SENATE, No. 1451**

with Senate Floor Amendments  
(Proposed by Senator RUIZ)

ADOPTED: JUNE 23, 2016

These floor amendments provide that the Department of Education may satisfy the bill's requirement to make available on its website an electronic database of special education legal decisions by either: (1) maintaining the database directly on its website, or (2) by entering into a memorandum of understanding with another entity or organization that maintains an electronic database of the legal decisions, provided that the database is easily accessible to the general public and the department's website contains a link to the database or information on how to access and use the database. The bill in its original form required the department to maintain the electronic database of special education legal decisions on its website.

The floor amendments also provide that the bill will take effect on the first day of the seventh month following the date of enactment, rather than immediately.



# ASSEMBLY, No. 3856

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 2, 2016

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman JAMEL C. HOLLEY**

**District 20 (Union)**

**Assemblywoman ANGELA V. MCKNIGHT**

**District 31 (Hudson)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Directs DOE to make database of special education decisions available on website.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 11/15/2016)**

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# ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **ASSEMBLY, No. 3856**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: NOVEMBER 14, 2016

The Assembly Education Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3856 with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill requires the Department of Education to make available an electronic database of legal decisions concerning special education in New Jersey. The department must make the database available on its website so that it can be easily accessed by parents, school districts, child study team members, or other interested members of the public who wish to obtain information on legal decisions regarding New Jersey special education matters.

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As amended and reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 1451 (1R), which was also reported by the committee on this same date.

#### COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to provide that the Department of Education may satisfy the bill's requirement to make available on its website an electronic database of special education legal decisions by either: (1) maintaining the database directly on its website, or (2) by entering into a memorandum of understanding with another entity or organization that maintains an electronic database of the legal decisions, provided that the database is easily accessible to the general public and the department's website contains a link to the database or information on how to access and use the database. The bill in its original form required the department to maintain the electronic database of special education legal decisions on its website.

The amendments also provide that the bill will take effect on the first day of the seventh month following the date of enactment, rather than immediately.

## Governor Christie Takes Action On Pending Legislation

Thursday, July 13, 2017

Tags: [Bill Action](#)

Trenton, NJ - Governor Chris Christie today announced that he has taken action on the following pending legislation:

### **BILL SIGNINGS:**

**S-1451/A-3856 (Ruiz, Allen/Holley, McKnight, Singleton)** - Directs DOE to make database of special education decisions available on website

**S-2059/A-3769 (Weinberg/Vainieri Huttle, Mukherji)** - Requires DOH to ensure that fetal death certification and reporting requirements are consistent with current federal standards

**S-2348/A-3799 (Ruiz, Diegnan/Lampitt, Vainieri Huttle, Muoio, Oliver, Mosquera, DiMaio, McKnight, Mukherji)** - Includes students who participate in school intramural sports programs in the student-athlete head injury safety program

**S-2492/A-4091 (Gordon, O'Toole/Eustace, Chiaravalloti, Mukherji, Benson, Jasey)** - Enhances resident voting participation rights in common interest communities

**S-2878/A-4523 (Vitale, Codey/Schaer, Singleton, Vainieri Huttle, Pinkin)** - Requires DOH to permit certain health care facilities to use shared clinical space when providing primary health care and behavioral health care for mild to moderate behavioral health conditions

**SJR-50/AJR-69 (Weinberg, Gordon/DiMaio, Pinkin, Quijano)** - Designates April as "Genocide Awareness Month"

**SJR-62/AJR-96 (Codey/Eustace, Lampitt, Pinkin, Mukherji, Jones, Downey, Rooney)** - Designates month of May of each year as "Mental Health Awareness Month"

**A-374/S-2462 (Auth, Prieto, Schepisi, Jimenez, Mukherji/Sacco, Cruz-Perez)** - Prohibits MVC from imposing duplicate license or identification card fee and digitized picture fee if duplicate is requested to reflect change in organ donor status

**A-2181/S-2809 (Caride, Schaer/Sarlo)** - Prohibits NJTA from requiring county guarantee to provide maintenance of pedestrian bridge under certain circumstances when determining approval for construction of pedestrian bridge

**A-2690/S-1944 (Johnson, Rible, Dancer, O'Scanlon, Space, Phoebus/Cardinale, Van Drew)** - Expands list of retired law enforcement officers eligible to carry handgun

**A-4334/S-2724 (Conaway, Pinkin/Codey, Vitale)** - Requires alternative payment models to register with DOH; permits health care practitioners to refer patients to health care service in which the practitioner has beneficial interest when related to alternative payment model

**A-4350/S-2914 (Eustace, Karabinchak/Greenstein)** - Precludes DEP from imposing certain certification requirements on installers of individual subsurface sewage disposal systems

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**A-4583/S-2991 (Zwicker, Conaway, Land, Downey, Houghtaling/Turner, T. Kean)** - Appropriates \$2,988,859 from 2009 Historic Preservation Fund and constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to provide capital preservation grants for certain historic preservation projects

**AJR-27/SJR-59 (Muio, Gusciora, Benson, Eustace, Pinkin, Sumter, Mukherji/Turner)** - Designates May of each year as "Asthma Awareness Month"

**BILLS VETOED:**

**S-587/A-2937 (Cunningham/Sumter, Mukherji, Quijano) – ABSOLUTE** - Requires incarcerated individual from State to be counted at residential address for legislative redistricting purposes

**S-677/A-3677 (Rice, Turner/Wimberly, Singleton, Holley, Tucker, Sumter, Quijano) – CONDITIONAL** - Requires racial and ethnic impact statement for certain bills and regulations affecting sentencing

**S-806/A-2463 (Weinberg, Gordon/Eustace, Vainieri Huttie, Caride, Muio, Lagana, Lampitt, Mukherji) – CONDITIONAL** - Requires owner or operator of certain trains to have discharge response, cleanup, and contingency plans to transport certain hazardous materials by rail; requires NJ DOT to request bridge inspection reports from US DOT

**S-3006/A-4589 (Weinberg, Gordon/Vainieri Huttie, Quijano, Wisniewski, Johnson, Mukherji) – ABSOLUTE** - Prohibits PANYNJ from providing assistance for enforcement of March 6, 2017 US Executive Order banning entry into US of individuals from certain countries

**A-1855/S-3123 (Wimberly, Prieto, Oliver, Sumter/Cruz-Perez, Cunningham) – CONDITIONAL** - Concerns outreach and training for minorities and women in the construction industry

**A-4701/S-3059 (Eustace, Zwicker, Vainieri Huttie, Gusciora, Kennedy, Benson, Jasey/Sweeney, Smith) – ABSOLUTE** - Requires State full participation in Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative

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