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LAWS OF: 2019 **CHAPTER:** 107

NJSA: 18A:36-25.7 to 18A:36-25.12 (Establishes task force within DOE on prevention of sexual abuse of children.)

BILL NO: S2707 (Substituted for A4403)

SPONSOR(S) M. Teresa Ruiz and others

DATE INTRODUCED: 6/14/2018

COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Education

SENATE: Education

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes

DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** 1/31/2019

SENATE: 3/14/2019

DATE OF APPROVAL: 5/10/2019

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

FINAL TEXT OF BILL (Second Reprint enacted) Yes

S2707

SPONSOR'S STATEMENT: (Begins on page 5 of introduced bill) Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** Yes

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)

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: Yes

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: Yes

A4403

SPONSOR'S STATEMENT: (Begins on page 5 of introduced bill) Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** Yes

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FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: Yes

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P.L. 2019, CHAPTER 107, *approved May 10, 2019*
Senate, No. 2707 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT establishing a task force on the prevention of sexual abuse
2 of children and supplementing chapter 36 of Title 18A of the
3 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. There is established within the Department of Education a
9 task force on the prevention of, and response to, sexual abuse of
10 children. The purpose of the task force shall be to study and make
11 recommendations for reducing the prevalence and impact of child
12 sexual abuse in the State, including recommendations for school
13 policies and training concerning child sexual abuse prevention and
14 response.

15 b. The task force shall consist of the following ¹[15] ²[16¹]
16 ¹⁷² members:

17 (1) the Commissioner of Education, or a designee;

18 (2) the Commissioner of the Department of Children and
19 Families, or a designee;

20 (3) the President of the State Board of Education, or a designee;
21 and

22 (4) ¹[12] ²[13¹] ¹⁴² public members appointed by the
23 Governor, in consultation with the Department of Education, who
24 shall include the following:

25 (a) a representative from: the New Jersey School Boards
26 Association; a New Jersey teachers union; ¹the New Jersey
27 Association of School Administrators; the New Jersey Principals
28 and Supervisors Association;¹ the New Jersey Coalition Against
29 Sexual Assault; Prevent Child Abuse New Jersey; ²New Jersey
30 Child Assault Prevention (NJCAP);² the New Jersey Association
31 for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers; and the New Jersey Children's
32 Alliance;

33 (b) a licensed therapist trained to counsel or treat child sexual
34 abuse victims;

35 (c) ¹[a school employee who has administrative or supervisory
36 experience;

37 (d)]¹ a New Jersey county prosecutor;

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:

¹Senate floor amendments adopted June 21, 2018.

²Assembly AED committee amendments adopted November 26, 2018.

1 ¹~~[(e)]~~ (d)¹ an individual who has experience and expertise in
2 the field of harassment, intimidation, and bullying policies;

3 ¹~~[(f)]~~ (e)¹ a parent of a student enrolled in an elementary or
4 secondary school in New Jersey; and

5 ¹~~[(g)]~~ (f)¹ an individual who is a survivor of child sexual abuse.
6 The appointment of public members shall reflect the geographic
7 diversity of the State.

8 c. Public members of the task force shall serve for a term of
9 three years, except that of the initial appointments, four public
10 members shall serve for one year, ¹~~[four]~~ five¹ public members
11 shall serve for two years, and ²~~[four]~~ five² public members shall
12 serve for three years. Vacancies in the membership of the task force
13 shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments were
14 made. Members are eligible for reappointment to the task force.

15 d. The Commissioner of Education, or a designee, shall serve
16 as chairperson of the task force. The task force shall meet at the
17 call of the chairperson. The task force shall appoint a secretary who
18 need not be a member of the task force. ¹The task force, in its
19 discretion, may divide its membership into subcommittees in the
20 course of carrying out its duties.¹

21 e. Members of the task force shall serve without compensation,
22 but may be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the
23 performance of their duties as members of the task force within the
24 limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the task
25 force for its purposes.

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27 2. a. The Department of Education shall provide such
28 stenographic, clerical, and other administrative assistants, and such
29 professional staff as the task force requires to carry out its work.

30 b. The task force shall be entitled to call to its assistance and
31 avail itself of the services of the employees of any State, county, or
32 municipal department, board, bureau, commission, or agency as it
33 may require and as may be available for its purposes.

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35 3. In executing its duties under this act, the task force shall
36 consult with the employees of the Department of Children and
37 Families who work on child protection matters, the New Jersey
38 State Police, the State Board of Education, and any other State
39 agency or department necessary to accomplish the task force's
40 responsibilities.

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42 4. a. It shall be the duty of the task force to make
43 recommendations for reducing child sexual abuse in this State. The
44 task force shall also make recommendations for school policies and
45 training that address the sexual abuse of children. In making its
46 recommendations, the task force shall do the following:

- 1 (1) gather information concerning child sexual abuse throughout
2 the State;
 - 3 (2) receive reports and testimony from individuals, State and
4 local agencies, community-based organizations, and other public
5 and private organizations;
 - 6 (3) review steps taken and programs established in other states
7 to reduce child sexual abuse;
 - 8 (4) create goals for State policy that are aimed at preventing
9 child sexual abuse;
 - 10 (5) create recommendations and guidelines for school policies
11 addressing sexual abuse of children. The recommendations and
12 guidelines shall be flexible enough to allow accommodation for
13 local autonomy and values;
 - 14 (6) review current instructional programs or curricula provided
15 in New Jersey schools on issues related to child sexual abuse, and
16 create recommendations for a sample curriculum to be utilized by
17 school districts;
 - 18 (7) create recommendations and guidelines for school personnel
19 to respond appropriately to students affected by sexual abuse,
20 including any recommendations for teacher professional
21 development and training on this issue;
 - 22 (8) create recommendations and guidelines for age-appropriate,
23 evidence-based child sexual abuse awareness, including guidelines
24 for utilizing appropriately trained professionals to provide the
25 student instruction and teacher training on this issue;
 - 26 (9) create recommendations and guidelines for providing
27 educational material to parents and guardians on the warning signs
28 of child sexual abuse and information on assistance and referrals or
29 resources; and
 - 30 (10) develop a child sexual abuse protocol to be utilized by all
31 community partners in order to help identify, prevent, and
32 investigate child sexual abuse.
- 33 b. The recommendations described in subsection a. of this
34 section may include proposals for specific statutory changes and
35 methods to foster cooperation among State agencies and between
36 the State and local government. The recommendations also may
37 identify opportunities for collaboration among State and local
38 agencies, community-based organizations, and other public and
39 private organizations to provide prevention education services.
 - 40 c. The task force shall present any recommendations and
41 guidelines concerning school policies, updates to the New Jersey
42 Student Learning Standards, and school personnel, as developed
43 pursuant to paragraphs (5), (6), and (7) of subsection a. of this
44 section, to the State Board of Education for consideration and
45 possible adoption.
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 - 47 5. The task force shall issue a report of its recommendations to
48 the Governor, and to the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of

S2707 [2R]

1 P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), no later than 18 months after the
2 organization of the task force. The task force shall issue reports of
3 any new or updated recommendations on at least a biennial basis.

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5 6. The Department of Education shall create educational
6 materials for parents and guardians based upon the
7 recommendations developed by the task force pursuant to paragraph
8 (9) of subsection a. of section 4 of this act. The department shall
9 provide the educational materials to local Parent Teacher
10 Associations throughout the State for presentation to their members.

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12 7. This act shall take effect immediately.

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18 Establishes task force within DOE on prevention of sexual abuse
of children.

SENATE, No. 2707

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
218th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 14, 2018

Sponsored by:

Senator M. TERESA RUIZ

District 29 (Essex)

Senator FRED H. MADDEN, JR.

District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senator Corrado

SYNOPSIS

Establishes task force within DOE on prevention of sexual abuse of children.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/19/2018)

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15 b. The task force shall consist of the following 15 members:

16 (1) the Commissioner of Education, or a designee;

17 (2) the Commissioner of the Department of Children and
18 Families, or a designee;

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20 and

21 (4) 12 public members appointed by the Governor, in
22 consultation with the Department of Education, who shall include
23 the following:

24 (a) a representative from: the New Jersey School Boards
25 Association; a New Jersey teachers union; the New Jersey Coalition
26 Against Sexual Assault; Prevent Child Abuse New Jersey; the New
27 Jersey Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers; and the
28 New Jersey Children's Alliance;

29 (b) a licensed therapist trained to counsel or treat child sexual
30 abuse victims;

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32 experience;

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35 of harassment, intimidation, and bullying policies;

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42 three years, except that of the initial appointments, four public
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46 same manner as the original appointments were made. Members
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This bill establishes a 15-member task force within the Department of Education to make recommendations for reducing child sexual abuse in this State, including recommendations for school policies and training that address the sexual abuse of children.

The members of the task force will consist of the Commissioner of Education, the Commissioner of the Department of Children and Families, the President of the State Board of Education, and 12 public members as follows: (a) a representative from: the New Jersey School Boards Association; a New Jersey teachers union; the New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault; Prevent Child Abuse New Jersey; the New Jersey Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers; and the New Jersey Children’s Alliance; (b) a licensed therapist trained to counsel or treat child sexual abuse victims; (c) a school employee who has administrative or supervisory experience; (d) a New Jersey county prosecutor; (e) an individual who has experience and expertise in the field of harassment, intimidation, and bullying policies; (f) a parent of a student enrolled in an elementary or secondary school in New Jersey; and (g) an individual who is a survivor of child sexual abuse. The appointment of public members must reflect the geographic diversity of the State.

In executing its duties under the bill, the task force will do the following:

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13 The recommendations of the task force may include
14 proposals for specific statutory changes and methods to foster
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18 policies, updates to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards,
19 and school personnel to the State Board of Education for
20 consideration and possible adoption. The bill also requires the
21 Department of Education to create educational materials for
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27 recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature no later
28 than eighteen months after the task force organizes, and to issue
29 additional reports of any new or updated recommendations on at
30 least a biennial basis.

ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 2707

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 26, 2018

The Assembly Education Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2707 (1R) with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill establishes a 17-member task force within the Department of Education to make recommendations for reducing child sexual abuse in this State, including recommendations for school policies and training that address the sexual abuse of children.

The members of the task force will consist of the Commissioner of Education, the Commissioner of the Department of Children and Families, the President of the State Board of Education, and 14 public members as follows: (a) a representative from: the New Jersey School Boards Association; a New Jersey teachers union; the New Jersey Association of School Administrators; the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association; the New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault; Prevent Child Abuse New Jersey; New Jersey Child Assault Prevention (NJCAP); the New Jersey Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers; and the New Jersey Children's Alliance; (b) a licensed therapist trained to counsel or treat child sexual abuse victims; (c) a New Jersey county prosecutor; (d) an individual who has experience and expertise in the field of harassment, intimidation, and bullying policies; (e) a parent of a student enrolled in an elementary or secondary school in New Jersey; and (f) an individual who is a survivor of child sexual abuse. The appointment of public members must reflect the geographic diversity of the State.

In executing its duties under the bill, the task force will do the following:

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- create recommendations and guidelines for age-appropriate, evidence-based child sexual abuse awareness, including guidelines for utilizing appropriately trained professionals to provide the student instruction and teacher training on this issue;
- create recommendations and guidelines for providing educational material to parents and guardians on the warning signs of child sexual abuse and information on assistance and referrals or resources; and
- develop a child sexual abuse protocol to be utilized by all community partners in order to help identify, prevent, and investigate child sexual abuse.

The recommendations of the task force may include proposals for specific statutory changes and methods to foster cooperation among State agencies and between the State and local government. In addition, the bill directs the task force to present any recommendations and guidelines concerning school policies, updates to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, and school personnel to the State Board of Education for consideration and possible adoption. The bill also requires the Department of Education to create educational materials for parents and guardians based upon the task force's recommendations, and to provide the materials to local Parent Teacher Associations throughout the State for presentation to their members.

The bill requires the task force to issue a report of its recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature no later than eighteen months after the task force organizes, and to issue additional reports of any new or updated recommendations on at least a biennial basis.

As amended and reported by committee, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 4403 with Assembly committee amendments which also was reported by the committee on this same date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to add a representative of New Jersey Child Assault Prevention (NJCAP) to the task force.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2707

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 14, 2018

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 2707.

This bill establishes a 15-member task force within the Department of Education to make recommendations for reducing child sexual abuse in this State, including recommendations for school policies and training that address the sexual abuse of children.

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STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 2707

with Senate Floor Amendments
(Proposed by Senator RUIZ)

ADOPTED: JUNE 21, 2018

These floor amendments revise the membership of the task force established under the bill to include a representative from the New Jersey Association of School Administrators and a representative from the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association, and to remove a school employee who has administrative or supervisory experience. The amendments also specify that the task force may divide its membership into subcommittees in the course of carrying out its duties.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[Second Reprint]

SENATE, No. 2707

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2019

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Establishes task force within DOE on prevention of sexual abuse of children.
- Type of Impact:** Indeterminate Increase in Annual Expenditures
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Education

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	
State Expenditure Increase	Indeterminate

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) finds that the bill will result in an indeterminate, annual, State expenditure increase. The task force is organized as a permanent task force, so costs associated with its activities will be an annual expenditure.
- The bill provides that task force members will not be eligible for compensation, but will receive reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.
- The Department of Education (DOE) will provide staff support for the task force, which will require either the use of existing employees with time away from their other duties or the hiring of an additional employee. Staff hours to support the task force will depend on the level of staff support that may be necessary to assist the task force in the discharge of its duties. Currently, the median annual cost of one FTE employee for the DOE is approximately \$130,000, which includes salary and fringe benefits. The DOE will also be responsible for creating educational material for parents and guardians based on the task force's recommendations.

BILL DESCRIPTION

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that address the sexual abuse of children. The members of the task force will consist of the Commissioner of Education, the Commissioner of the Department of Children and Families, the President of the State Board of Education, and 14 public members appointed by the Governor in consultation with the DOE. The duties of the task force include, among others, gathering information concerning child sexual abuse throughout the State, receiving testimony, reviewing programs in other states to reduce child sexual abuse, creating goals for New Jersey policy that are aimed at preventing child sexual abuse, creating recommendations and guidelines for school policy addressing sexual abuse of children, and issuing reports with its recommendations to address reducing child sexual abuse in New Jersey.

The DOE will provide staff support to the task force. The DOE will also be required to create educational material for parents and guardians on the warning signs of child sexual abuse based on the recommendations of the task force, and presenting the materials to Parent Teacher Associations throughout the State.

The bill requires the task force to issue a report to the Governor and Legislature no later than 18 months after the task force organizes, and to issue additional reports of any new or updated recommendations on at least a biennial basis.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

ASSEMBLY, No. 4403

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 13, 2018

Sponsored by:

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Assemblywoman VALERIE VAINIERI HUTTLE

District 37 (Bergen)

Assemblyman JOHN ARMATO

District 2 (Atlantic)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblyman Mazzeo and Assemblywoman Murphy

SYNOPSIS

Establishes task force within DOE on prevention of sexual abuse of children.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 11/27/2018)

1 AN ACT establishing a task force on the prevention of sexual abuse
2 of children and supplementing chapter 36 of Title 18A of the
3 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. There is established within the Department of Education a
9 task force on the prevention of, and response to, sexual abuse of
10 children. The purpose of the task force shall be to study and make
11 recommendations for reducing the prevalence and impact of child
12 sexual abuse in the State, including recommendations for school
13 policies and training concerning child sexual abuse prevention and
14 response.

15 b. The task force shall consist of the following 16 members:

16 (1) the Commissioner of Education, or a designee;

17 (2) the Commissioner of the Department of Children and
18 Families, or a designee;

19 (3) the President of the State Board of Education, or a designee;
20 and

21 (4) 13 public members appointed by the Governor, in
22 consultation with the Department of Education, who shall include
23 the following:

24 (a) a representative from: the New Jersey School Boards
25 Association; a New Jersey teachers union; the New Jersey
26 Association of School Administrators; the New Jersey Principals
27 and Supervisors Association; the New Jersey Coalition Against
28 Sexual Assault; Prevent Child Abuse New Jersey; the New Jersey
29 Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers; and the New
30 Jersey Children's Alliance;

31 (b) a licensed therapist trained to counsel or treat child sexual
32 abuse victims;

33 (c) a New Jersey county prosecutor;

34 (d) an individual who has experience and expertise in the field
35 of harassment, intimidation, and bullying policies;

36 (e) a parent of a student enrolled in an elementary or secondary
37 school in New Jersey; and

38 (f) an individual who is a survivor of child sexual abuse.

39 The appointment of public members shall reflect the geographic
40 diversity of the State.

41 c. Public members of the task force shall serve for a term of
42 three years, except that of the initial appointments, four public
43 members shall serve for one year, five public members shall serve
44 for two years, and four public members shall serve for three years.
45 Vacancies in the membership of the task force shall be filled in the
46 same manner as the original appointments were made. Members
47 are eligible for reappointment to the task force.

1 d. The Commissioner of Education, or a designee, shall serve
2 as chairperson of the task force. The task force shall meet at the
3 call of the chairperson. The task force shall appoint a secretary who
4 need not be a member of the task force. The task force, in its
5 discretion, may divide its membership into subcommittees in the
6 course of carrying out its duties.

7 e. Members of the task force shall serve without compensation,
8 but may be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the
9 performance of their duties as members of the task force within the
10 limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the task
11 force for its purposes.

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13 2. a. The Department of Education shall provide such
14 stenographic, clerical, and other administrative assistants, and such
15 professional staff as the task force requires to carry out its work.

16 b. The task force shall be entitled to call to its assistance and
17 avail itself of the services of the employees of any State, county, or
18 municipal department, board, bureau, commission, or agency as it
19 may require and as may be available for its purposes.

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21 3. In executing its duties under this act, the task force shall
22 consult with the employees of the Department of Children and
23 Families who work on child protection matters, the New Jersey
24 State Police, the State Board of Education, and any other State
25 agency or department necessary to accomplish the task force's
26 responsibilities.

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28 4. a. It shall be the duty of the task force to make
29 recommendations for reducing child sexual abuse in this State. The
30 task force shall also make recommendations for school policies and
31 training that address the sexual abuse of children. In making its
32 recommendations, the task force shall do the following:

33 (1) gather information concerning child sexual abuse throughout
34 the State;

35 (2) receive reports and testimony from individuals, State and
36 local agencies, community-based organizations, and other public
37 and private organizations;

38 (3) review steps taken and programs established in other states
39 to reduce child sexual abuse;

40 (4) create goals for State policy that are aimed at preventing
41 child sexual abuse;

42 (5) create recommendations and guidelines for school policies
43 addressing sexual abuse of children. The recommendations and
44 guidelines shall be flexible enough to allow accommodation for
45 local autonomy and values;

46 (6) review current instructional programs or curricula provided
47 in New Jersey schools on issues related to child sexual abuse, and

- 1 create recommendations for a sample curriculum to be utilized by
2 school districts;
- 3 (7) create recommendations and guidelines for school personnel
4 to respond appropriately to students affected by sexual abuse,
5 including any recommendations for teacher professional
6 development and training on this issue;
- 7 (8) create recommendations and guidelines for age-appropriate,
8 evidence-based child sexual abuse awareness, including guidelines
9 for utilizing appropriately trained professionals to provide the
10 student instruction and teacher training on this issue;
- 11 (9) create recommendations and guidelines for providing
12 educational material to parents and guardians on the warning signs
13 of child sexual abuse and information on assistance and referrals or
14 resources; and
- 15 (10) develop a child sexual abuse protocol to be utilized by all
16 community partners in order to help identify, prevent, and
17 investigate child sexual abuse.
- 18 b. The recommendations described in subsection a. of this
19 section may include proposals for specific statutory changes and
20 methods to foster cooperation among State agencies and between
21 the State and local government. The recommendations also may
22 identify opportunities for collaboration among State and local
23 agencies, community-based organizations, and other public and
24 private organizations to provide prevention education services.
- 25 c. The task force shall present any recommendations and
26 guidelines concerning school policies, updates to the New Jersey
27 Student Learning Standards, and school personnel, as developed
28 pursuant to paragraphs (5), (6), and (7) of subsection a. of this
29 section, to the State Board of Education for consideration and
30 possible adoption.
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- 32 5. The task force shall issue a report of its recommendations to
33 the Governor, and to the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of
34 P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), no later than 18 months after the
35 organization of the task force. The task force shall issue
36 reports of any new or updated recommendations on at least a
37 biennial basis.
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- 39 6. The Department of Education shall create educational
40 materials for parents and guardians based upon the
41 recommendations developed by the task force pursuant to paragraph
42 (9) of subsection a. of section 4 of this act. The department shall
43 provide the educational materials to local Parent Teacher
44 Associations throughout the State for presentation to their members.
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- 46 7. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

This bill establishes a 16-member task force within the Department of Education to make recommendations for reducing child sexual abuse in this State, including recommendations for school policies and training that address the sexual abuse of children.

The members of the task force will consist of the Commissioner of Education, the Commissioner of the Department of Children and Families, the President of the State Board of Education, and 13 public members as follows: (a) a representative from: the New Jersey School Boards Association; a New Jersey teachers union; the New Jersey Association of School Administrators; the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association; the New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault; Prevent Child Abuse New Jersey; the New Jersey Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers; and the New Jersey Children’s Alliance; (b) a licensed therapist trained to counsel or treat child sexual abuse victims; (c) a New Jersey county prosecutor; (d) an individual who has experience and expertise in the field of harassment, intimidation, and bullying policies; (e) a parent of a student enrolled in an elementary or secondary school in New Jersey; and (f) an individual who is a survivor of child sexual abuse. The appointment of public members must reflect the geographic diversity of the State.

In executing its duties under the bill, the task force will do the following:

- gather information concerning child sexual abuse throughout the State;
- receive reports and testimony from individuals, State and local agencies, community-based organizations, and other public and private organizations;
- review steps taken and programs established in other states to reduce child sexual abuse;
- create goals for State policy that are aimed at preventing child sexual abuse;
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2 evidence-based child sexual abuse awareness, including
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11 community partners in order to help identify, prevent, and
12 investigate child sexual abuse.

13 The recommendations of the task force may include
14 proposals for specific statutory changes and methods to foster
15 cooperation among State agencies and between the State and
16 local government. In addition, the bill directs the task force to
17 present any recommendations and guidelines concerning school
18 policies, updates to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards,
19 and school personnel to the State Board of Education for
20 consideration and possible adoption. The bill also requires the
21 Department of Education to create educational materials for
22 parents and guardians based upon the task force's
23 recommendations, and to provide the materials to local Parent
24 Teacher Associations throughout the State for presentation to
25 their members.

26 The bill requires the task force to issue a report of its
27 recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature no later
28 than eighteen months after the task force organizes, and to issue
29 additional reports of any new or updated recommendations on at
30 least a biennial basis.

ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 4403

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 26, 2018

The Assembly Education Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4403 with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill establishes a 17-member task force within the Department of Education to make recommendations for reducing child sexual abuse in this State, including recommendations for school policies and training that address the sexual abuse of children.

The members of the task force will consist of the Commissioner of Education, the Commissioner of the Department of Children and Families, the President of the State Board of Education, and 14 public members as follows: (a) a representative from: the New Jersey School Boards Association; a New Jersey teachers union; the New Jersey Association of School Administrators; the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association; the New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault; Prevent Child Abuse New Jersey; New Jersey Child Assault Prevention (NJCAP); the New Jersey Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers; and the New Jersey Children's Alliance; (b) a licensed therapist trained to counsel or treat child sexual abuse victims; (c) a New Jersey county prosecutor; (d) an individual who has experience and expertise in the field of harassment, intimidation, and bullying policies; (e) a parent of a student enrolled in an elementary or secondary school in New Jersey; and (f) an individual who is a survivor of child sexual abuse. The appointment of public members must reflect the geographic diversity of the State.

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As amended and reported by committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 2707 (1R) with Assembly committee amendments which also was reported by the committee on this same date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to add a representative of New Jersey Child Assault Prevention (NJCAP) to the task force.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 4403

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

DATED: FEBRUARY 5, 2019

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Establishes task force within DOE on prevention of sexual abuse of children.
- Type of Impact:** Indeterminate Increase in Annual Expenditures
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Education

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	
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FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

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Newark, N.J.

Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

05/10/2019

TRENTON – Today, Governor Phil Murphy signed the following bills and resolutions into law:

A2810 (Greenwald, Murphy/Pou) - Requires active supervision of certain professional and occupational licensing boards.

A4285 (Lopez, Quijano, Armato/Vitale, Singleton) - Requires Commissioner of Health to develop voluntary registry to collect cancer incidence data from firefighters.

A4416 (Swain, Karabinchak, Timberlake/Kean, Greenstein) - Prohibits sale or distribution of products containing asbestos.

A4500 (Verrelli, Mejia, Speight/Ruiz, Greenstein) - Directs NJ State Council on Arts to create and disseminate best practices guide for at-risk youth arts programs; requires council to assist government entities creating programs that adopt best practices.

A4578 (Land, Andrzejczak, McKeon/Smith, Greenstein) - Makes supplemental appropriation of \$50 million from General Fund to DEP and adds language provisions concerning use of certain environmental settlement monies for natural resource restoration projects.

A4612 (Jimenez, Mejia, Giblin/Cryan) - Codifies State-specific exam requirement for land surveyor license.

A4799 (Lopez, Coughlin, Benson/Vitale, Ruiz) - Permits self-administration of hydrocortisone sodium succinate by students for adrenal insufficiency and requires that school districts and nonpublic schools establish policy for emergency administration of medication.

A5034 (Pinkin/Smith) - Authorizes sale and conveyance of certain State-owned real property in Stafford Township, Ocean County to US Fish and Wildlife Service.

S52 (Singleton, Gill/Caputo, Webber, Murphy) - Requires disclosure of breach of security of online account.

S455 (Addiego, Singleton/Murphy, Dancer, Rooney) - Requires disclosure of identifying information prior to sale of horse at auction.

S515 (Kean, Sarlo/Munoz, Johnson, Bucco) - Exempts sales of certain materials used in industrial sand casting processes from sales and use tax.

S542 (Oroho, Singleton/Tucker, Wirths, Space) - Designates High Point State Park as High Point State Park and New Jersey Veterans Memorial.

S604 (Smith/Pinkin) - Provides that electric power supplier license issued by BPU may be renewed without expiring if certain conditions are met.

S605 (Smith/Pinkin, McKeon) - Provides that natural gas supplier license issued by BPU may be renewed without expiring if certain conditions are met.

S875 (Sweeney, Greenstein/Vainieri Huttle, Munoz, Murphy) - Establishes the "Sexual Assault Victim's Bill of Rights."

S1729 (Thompson, Quijano/Jones, Barclay) - Designates *Streptomyces griseus* as New Jersey State Microbe.

S2676 (Bucco, Lagana/Schaer, Calabrese, Tully) - Requires boards of education and nonpublic schools to provide law enforcement authorities with copies of blueprints and maps of schools and school grounds.

S2707 (Ruiz, Madden/Lampitt, Vainieri Huttle, Armato) - Establishes task force within DOE on prevention of sexual abuse of children.

S2709 (Ruiz, Madden/Mukherji, Lampitt, Chiaravalloti, Vainieri Huttle, Armato) - Provides that certain persons who commit act of sexual penetration or sexual contact with students who are at least 18 but less than 22 years old are guilty of sexual assault or criminal sexual assault.

S2711 (Ruiz, Madden/Lampitt, Vainieri Huttle, Jones) - Mandates child abuse and sexual abuse training for all candidates for teaching certification.

S2720 (Diegnan, Scutari/Johnson, Quijano, Murphy) - Requires autocycles to be insured by PIP coverage to pedestrians.

SJR101 (Gopal/Pintor Marin, Houghtaling, Downey) - Designates March 15 of each year as Peter Francisco Day in New Jersey.

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