

18A:4-28.4 to 28.9

December 28, 1970

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF R.S.18A:4-28.4 to  
18A:4-28.9  
(Drug education - School Curriculum)

Similar bills introduced:

1968-S748  
1970-A850  
1970-A1037  
1970-A1061  
1970-A1235.

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Governor Cahill spoke of narcotics problem in his inaugural address and issued Special message.

N.J. Governor (Cahill, 1970)  
Drug abuse-problem of the decade! Special message... April 27, 1970 (See esp. 19-26)

L.1970 - Ch.85 - A1056.

May 4 - Introduced by Russo, Ewing, Woodson and others.  
Not amended during passage.  
Bill had statement.  
Appropriations for Drug Education program were made  
Chap. 86, Chap. 228 and Chap. 229 of 1970.

For clippings see:

Vertical file -- N.J. -- Narcotics (1970).

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# ASSEMBLY, No. 1056

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MAY 4, 1970

By Assemblymen RUSSO, EWING, WOODSON, OWENS, Assemblywoman FENWICK, Assemblymen A. S. SMITH, COSTA, CURCIO, DE KORTE, DORGAN, HOLLENBECK, CONNELL, VANDER PLAAT, CRANE, Assemblywoman MARGETTS, Assemblymen COBB, THOMAS, TURNER, ROBERTSON, DAWES, PARKER, FAY, FLORIO, SUMINSKI, RINALDI, COLEMAN, KEAN, FIORE, CAFIERO, BROWN, HURLEY and FORAN

Referred to Committee on Law, Public Safety and Defense

AN ACT providing for drug education programs for teachers and pupils as part of their curriculum in certain cases, and supplementing Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

1 1. As used in this act:

2 a. "Drug education program" means a factual presentation of  
3 the problems of drug abuse involving young people prepared so as  
4 to be effective and appropriate for student consumption.

5 b. "Secondary school" means grades seven through 12 and shall  
6 include high school grades, junior high school grades and any other  
7 classification of grades designated in a particular school to include  
8 grades five and above.

9 c. "Recommended drug education unit" means the subject mat-  
10 ter of the drug education program to be presented to the students.

11 d. "Drugs" means and includes narcotic drugs, dangerous drugs,  
12 and controlled dangerous substances, as defined in the laws of the  
13 State of New Jersey and the laws of the United States.

14 e. "School district" means public school districts and shall in-  
15 clude regional and vocational school districts.

1 2. The Commissioner of Education is hereby authorized and  
2 directed to establish summer workshops and training programs to  
3 train selected teachers to teach a drug education program to secon-  
4 dary school teachers as herein provided. Said workshops and train-  
5 ing programs shall also be for the purpose of development of a

6 curriculum and a recommended drug education unit to be incorpo-  
7 rated into the ongoing health education curriculum of students in  
8 secondary schools. The workshops and training programs shall be  
9 under the direction of such persons as the commissioner may  
10 designate and shall include representatives from the Department  
11 of Education, the Department of Higher Education, Rutgers Uni-  
12 versity, the New Jersey College of Medicine and Dentistry and the  
13 Urban Schools Development Council, or their successors, who shall  
14 constitute a steering committee. The programs shall contain basic  
15 content on the history, pharmacology, physiology and psycho-social  
16 aspects of drugs generally abused by young people, treatment and  
17 rehabilitation programs, the legal aspects of drugs and the extent  
18 of drug abuse in New Jersey. The workshops and training pro-  
19 grams shall be held in different areas throughout the State at times  
20 and places selected by the commissioner.

1 3. In addition to the workshops and training programs provided  
2 for in section 2 hereof, the Commissioner of Education is hereby  
3 authorized and directed to establish drug education training pro-  
4 grams for teachers in school districts containing secondary school  
5 grades. Said programs for teachers shall consist of eight sessions,  
6 each lasting a minimum of 1½ clock hours, to be given in each of  
7 said school districts during the period of September 15, 1970,  
8 through December 15, 1970. No more than one session shall be given  
9 in any 1 week period. The programs provided for by this section  
10 shall be conducted by the teachers attending the summer workshops  
11 and training programs, as nearly as may be possible, and shall  
12 include the curriculum and the recommended drug education unit,  
13 provided for in section 2 hereof. Said programs shall be attended  
14 by all teachers in such districts teaching secondary school grades  
15 and shall be coordinated with the usual school schedule therein so as  
16 to permit said teachers to attend after having completed a minimum  
17 of 4 hours of their normal school schedule.

1 4. On and after January 15, 1971, each school district having  
2 secondary school grades shall incorporate into its health education  
3 curriculum the recommended drug education unit provided for in  
4 section 2 hereof during a minimum of 10 clock hours per school year  
5 as part of the ongoing health education curriculum for secondary  
6 school grades.

1 5. For the purposes of preparing, presenting and implementing  
2 the programs and curriculum provided by this act, the Commis-  
3 sioner of Education shall within the limits of funds appropriated:

4 a. Appoint a program director to oversee the various programs  
5 provided for;

- 6 b. Retain on a temporary or per diem basis consultants and other  
7 advisers;
- 8 c. Employ such assistants, technical, stenographic, clerical and  
9 other personnel as needed;
- 10 d. Pay stipends to the teachers attending the summer workshops  
11 and training programs and presenting the drug education program  
12 to secondary school teachers as provided for herein;
- 13 e. Prepare and otherwise obtain instructional material for said  
14 programs; and
- 15 f. Provide operational grants directly to the affected school dis-  
16 tricts according to such formula based upon the school district's  
17 population as he shall determine.
- 1 6. The Commissioner of Education shall develop criteria and  
2 evaluate the effectiveness of various aspects of the Drug Educa-  
3 tion Program in the schools of New Jersey and to report to the  
4 State Board of Education.
- 1 7. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

The most effective preventative medicine to deal with the drug abuse problem in the State is education. While it is recognized that programs are needed at all grade levels, as a first step, this program is being prepared for presentation to pupils primarily in grades seven through 12. The program would consist of three phases.

##### PHASE I

Phase I would be an intensive 3-week teacher training program to be given during the summer months. Approximately 250 teachers representing the 200 secondary school districts and 50 regional districts would receive instruction in the relevant areas of drug use and abuse as they pertain to students. The programs would include lectures and workshops conducted by experts in this field and rehabilitated drug addicts and visitation to institutions concerned with drug and other related problems. Stipends would be provided for the teachers attending the summer program. During this time a curriculum to be used in training teachers at the local school district level and for presentation eventually to the students would be developed.

##### PHASE II

Phase II would consist of a teacher training program conducted in all school districts for teachers primarily in grades seven through 12. The individual programs would be presented by the teacher who attended the summer teacher training program. There

would be eight sessions, each lasting 1½ hours, which would have to be completed by December 15, 1970, so that the program (recommended drug unit) would be ready to be presented to students beginning January 15, 1971. The teacher training program would be coordinated with the usual school schedule so that the teachers could attend the program after completing four hours of their normal classroom schedule. The teachers would be prepared to present the curriculum and drug education unit of instruction to their students. A stipend would be provided for those teachers presenting the program to the other teachers at the local school districts. This phase of the program would be available to teachers in private schools in the local areas at no additional cost.

### PHASE III

Phase III would consist of the actual presentation of the program (the recommended drug education unit) to the students in the classroom. It would be presented to students primarily in grades seven through 12. In some cases, students in grades five and six would also participate. The program would be part of the ongoing health education program and would be for 10 clock hours out of the approximately 36 clock hours devoted to health education during the school year.

Instructional material would be provided during all phases of the program within available appropriations. Operational grants would be made directly to school districts to implement the program within available appropriations.

Evaluation of the program would be made by the Commissioner of Education.