

18A:35-4.18.1
LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST
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LAWS OF: 2015 **CHAPTER:** 87

NJSA: 18A:35-4.18.1 (Recognizes American Sign Language as a world language for meeting high school graduation requirements)

BILL NO: S1760 (Substituted for A4212)

SPONSOR(S) Allen and others

DATE INTRODUCED: March 17, 2014

COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Higher Education
Education

SENATE: Education

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes

DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** June 11, 2015

SENATE: February 5, 2015

DATE OF APPROVAL: August 10, 2015

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

FINAL TEXT OF BILL (First Reprint enacted) Yes

S1760

SPONSOR'S STATEMENT: (Begins on page 2 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: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

A4212

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

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** Yes

SENATE: No

(continued)

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

VETO MESSAGE: No

GOVERNOR'S PRESS RELEASE ON SIGNING: No

FOLLOWING WERE PRINTED:

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REPORTS: No

HEARINGS: No

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES: Yes

"Signing may count as a foreign language," The Star Ledger, January 29, 2015.

"Sober housing coming to most N.J. colleges," The Star Ledger, August 12, 2015

"NJ to allow American Sign Language to fulfill," August 18, 2015.

LAW/RWH

P.L.2015, CHAPTER 87, *approved August 10, 2015*
Senate, No. 1760 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning world language graduation requirements and
2 supplementing chapter 35 of Title 18A of the New Jersey
3 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. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law, rule or regulation
9 to the contrary, American Sign Language shall be recognized as a
10 world language for the purpose of meeting any State or local world
11 language requirement for high school graduation.

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13 2. This act shall take effect ¹**[immediately]** on July 1 of the first
14 school year following enactment¹.

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19 Recognizes American Sign Language as a world language for
20 meeting high school graduation requirements.

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 SED committee amendments adopted January 29, 2015.

SENATE, No. 1760

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 17, 2014

Sponsored by:

Senator DIANE B. ALLEN

District 7 (Burlington)

Senator M. TERESA RUIZ

District 29 (Essex)

Senator SHIRLEY K. TURNER

District 15 (Hunterdon and Mercer)

SYNOPSIS

Recognizes American Sign Language as a world language for meeting high school graduation requirements.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/30/2015)

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13 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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18 This bill provides that American Sign Language would be
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20 State or local world language requirement for high school
21 graduation.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1760

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 29, 2015

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 1760 with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill provides that American Sign Language would be recognized as a world language for the purpose of meeting any State or local world language requirement for high school graduation.

The committee amended the bill to provide that the bill will take effect on July 1 of the first school year following enactment rather than immediately.

ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 1760

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 11, 2015

The Assembly Education Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1760 (1R).

This bill provides that American Sign Language would be recognized as a world language for the purpose of meeting any State or local world language requirement for high school graduation.

As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 4212, which was also reported by the committee on this same date.

ASSEMBLY, No. 4212

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 23, 2015

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman VALERIE VAINIERI HUTTLE

District 37 (Bergen)

Assemblywoman MARY PAT ANGELINI

District 11 (Monmouth)

Assemblywoman MILA M. JASEY

District 27 (Essex and Morris)

Co-Sponsored by:

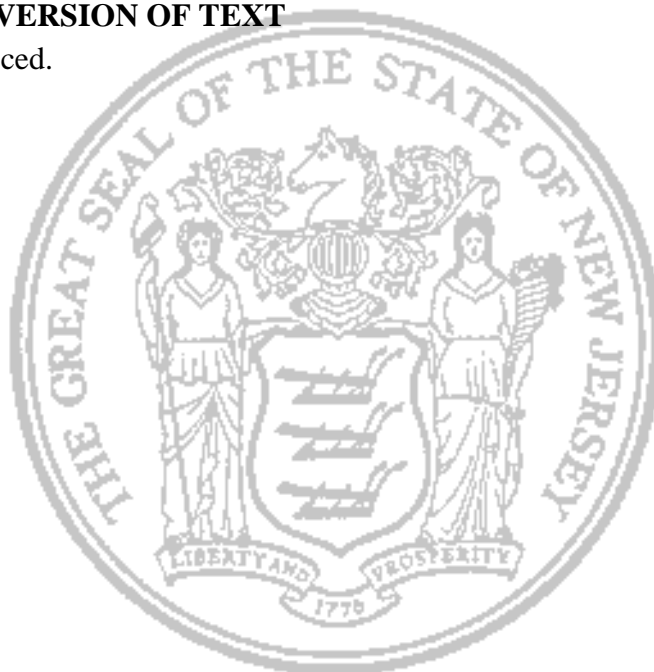
Assemblymen Gusciora and Eustace

SYNOPSIS

Recognizes American Sign Language as a world language for meeting high school graduation requirements.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/12/2015)

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22 graduation.

ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 4212

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 11, 2015

The Assembly Education Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4212.

This bill provides that American Sign Language would be recognized as a world language for the purpose of meeting any State or local world language requirement for high school graduation.

As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 1760 (1R), which was also reported by the committee on this same date.