



P.L. 2002, CHAPTER 92, *approved November 7, 2002*

Senate, No. 1130 (*First Reprint*)

1 **AN ACT** concerning pupil identification information on classroom  
2 materials and supplementing chapter 36 of Title 18A of the New  
3 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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10 economically disadvantaged status on any materials distributed in  
11 class.

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14 status or economically disadvantaged status; except that the  
15 <sup>1</sup>[Commissioner of Education may develop alternate methods of  
16 including the identifying information in ways that protect the privacy  
17 of the pupil] school district may use identification numbers or other  
18 methods of identification after the collection of the materials<sup>1</sup>.

19 c. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules pursuant  
20 to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1  
21 et seq.), to effectuate the provisions of this act.

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23 2. This act shall take effect on the 180th day after enactment, but  
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25 administrative action in advance as shall be necessary for the  
26 implementation of the act.

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31 Protects pupils from being required to supply certain identifying  
32 information on materials distributed in class and prohibits materials  
33 distributed to pupils from including the information in an obvious  
34 manner.

**EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and 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 SED committee amendments adopted March 14, 2002.

**SENATE, No. 1130**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**210th LEGISLATURE**

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 21, 2002

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator ROBERT J. MARTIN**

**District 26 (Morris and Passaic)**

**SYNOPSIS**

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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30 This bill provides that a pupil in a public school will not be required  
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32 status or economically disadvantaged status on any materials  
33 distributed in class. The bill also includes a provision that prohibits  
34 materials which are distributed to a pupil from including any obvious  
35 indicators of the pupil's race, ethnicity, migrant status or economically  
36 disadvantaged status. This identifying information may be important  
37 and necessary, however, so under the bill the Commissioner of  
38 Education may develop alternate methods of including the information  
39 in ways that protect the privacy of the pupil.

ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

**SENATE, No. 1130**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 12, 2002

The Assembly Education Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 1130 (1R).

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SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 1130**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 14, 2001

The Senate Education Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1130 with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill provides that a pupil in a public school will not be required to supply information regarding the pupil's race, ethnicity, migrant status or economically disadvantaged status on any materials distributed in class. The bill also includes a provision that prohibits materials which are distributed to a pupil from including any obvious indicators of the pupil's race, ethnicity, migrant status or economically disadvantaged status. Since, however, this identifying information may be important and necessary, the bill permits school districts to use student identification numbers or other methods of identification after the collection of the materials.

The committee adopted an amendment to specify the alternate methods of identification that a school district may use.