18A:44-4

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LAWS OF: 2004 **CHAPTER:** 125

NJSA: 18A:44-4 (Authorizes school districts that operate nonmandated preschool to collect tuition)

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SPONSOR(S): Diegnan and Barnes

DATE INTRODUCED: February 9, 2004

COMMITTEE: ASSEMBLY: Education

SENATE: Education

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: No

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DATE OF APPROVAL: August 20, 2004

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FINAL TEXT OF BILL Original bill enacted

A2170

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

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: <u>ASSEMBLY</u>: <u>Yes</u>

SENATE: Yes

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

S1586

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

Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: ASSEMBLY: No

SENATE: Yes

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

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P.L. 2004, CHAPTER 125, *approved August 20*, 2004 Assembly, No. 2170

AN ACT concerning the funding of certain preschool programs and amending N.J.S.18A:44-4.

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

1. N.J.S.18A:44-4 is amended to read as follows:

18A:44-4. [The] a. Except as otherwise provided pursuant to subsection b. of this section, the expenses of preschool schools or departments and of kindergarten schools or departments shall be paid out of any moneys available for the general fund expenses of the schools, and in the same manner and under the same restrictions as the expenses of other schools or departments are paid, except when wholly or partly subsidized by restricted funding sources or restricted endowments.

b. In the case of a non-Abbott school district which is not required to operate a preschool program pursuant to section 16 of P.L.1996, c.138 (C.18A:7F-16) and which does not receive early childhood program aid pursuant to that section, the district may collect tuition from the parents or guardians of students enrolled in a preschool school or department in an amount not to exceed the per pupil cost of the preschool program.

(cf: P.L.1996, c.138, s.73)

2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to the 2004-2005 school year.

STATEMENT

Under current law, school districts which receive early childhood program aid are required to provide preschool programs and services. Also, Abbott districts are required to provide preschool programs in accordance with the directives of the New Jersey Supreme Court and State Board of Education regulations. School districts which do not receive early childhood program aid may offer a preschool program if they choose to do so and a number of districts have chosen to offer such a program because of the educational benefits associated with early childhood education.

This bill provides that any non-Abbott district which is not required to operate a preschool program and which does not receive early childhood program aid may collect tuition from the parents or guardians of students enrolled in the district's preschool program. The

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ASSEMBLY, No. 2170

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 211th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 9, 2004

Sponsored by:
Assemblyman PATRICK DIEGNAN, JR.
District 18 (Middlesex)
Assemblyman PETER J. BARNES, JR.
District 18 (Middlesex)

Co-Sponsored by: Senators Buono and Bryant

SYNOPSIS

Authorizes school districts that operate nonmandated preschool programs to collect tuition from parents or guardians of children enrolled in the program.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/25/2004)

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12	schools, and in the same manner and under the same restrictions as the
13	expenses of other schools or departments are paid, except when
14	wholly or partly subsidized by restricted funding sources or restricted
15	endowments.
16	b. In the case of a non-Abbott school district which is not required
17	to operate a preschool program pursuant to section 16 of P.L.1996,
18	c.138 (C.18A:7F-16) and which does not receive early childhood
19	program aid pursuant to that section, the district may collect tuition
20	from the parents or guardians of students enrolled in a preschool
21	school or department in an amount not to exceed the per pupil cost of
22	the preschool program.
23	(cf: P.L.1996, c.138, s.73)
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25	2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to the
26	2004-2005 school year.
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31	program aid are required to provide preschool programs and services.
32	Also, Abbott districts are required to provide preschool programs in
33	accordance with the directives of the New Jersey Supreme Court and
34	State Board of Education regulations. School districts which do not
35	receive early childhood program aid may offer a preschool program if
36	they choose to do so and a number of districts have chosen to offer
37	such a program because of the educational benefits associated with
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ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2170

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 6, 2004

The Assembly Education Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 2170.

This bill provides that any non-Abbott district which is not required to operate a preschool program and which does not receive early childhood program aid may collect tuition from the parents or guardians of students enrolled in the district's preschool program. The amount of the tuition may not exceed the per pupil cost of the program.

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SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2170

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 7, 2004

The Senate Education Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2170.

This bill provides that any non-Abbott district which is not required to operate a preschool program and which does not receive early childhood program aid may collect tuition from the parents or guardians of students enrolled in the district's preschool program. The amount of the tuition may not exceed the per pupil cost of the program.

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As reported, Assembly Bill No. 2170 is identical to Senate Bill No. 1586.

SENATE, No. 1586

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 211th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 10, 2004

Sponsored by:
Senator BARBARA BUONO
District 18 (Middlesex)
Senator WAYNE R. BRYANT
District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)

SYNOPSIS

Authorizes school districts that operate nonmandated preschool programs to collect tuition from parents or guardians of children enrolled in the program.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/8/2004)

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SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1586

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 7, 2004

The Senate Education Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1586.

This bill provides that any non-Abbott district which is not required to operate a preschool program and which does not receive early childhood program aid may collect tuition from the parents or guardians of students enrolled in the district's preschool program. The amount of the tuition may not exceed the per pupil cost of the program.

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