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Title 5.
Chapter 18. (New)
Protective Eyewear
for Children
§§1-3 - C.5:18-1 to
5:18-3
§4 - Note

P.L. 2005, CHAPTER 306, *approved January 11, 2006*
Assembly, No. 2091 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning protective eyewear for certain children and
2 supplementing Title 5 of the Revised Statutes.

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

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9 field hockey, badminton, paddleball, soccer, volleyball, baseball or
10 softball, sponsored by a school, community or government agency,
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12 ¹[and lens]¹ standards of the American Society for Testing and
13 Materials (ASTM) F803 ¹and lens standards of the American National
14 Standards Institute (ANSI) Z87.1¹.

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17 established under P.L.1999, c.265 (C.26:1A-37.5 et seq.) is authorized
18 to provide grants to assist low-income families in purchasing the
19 protective eyewear. As used in this section, a "low-income family"
20 means a family which qualifies for low-income housing under the
21 standards promulgated by the Council on Affordable Housing pursuant
22 to the "Fair Housing Act," P.L.1985, c.222 (C.52:27D-301 et ¹[seq.]
23 al.¹).

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25 3. No school, community or government agency engaged in
26 organizing, teaching, refereeing or coaching a sports activity described
27 in section 1 of this act shall be liable in a civil action for failure to
28 administer or enforce the provisions of this act.

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30 4. This act shall take effect six months after the date of enactment.

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34 Requires children who wear eyeglasses to wear protective eyewear
35 while participating in certain sports activities.

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:

¹ Senate SED committee amendments adopted May 5, 2005.

ASSEMBLY, No. 2091

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 211th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 9, 2004

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman PETER J. BARNES, JR.

District 18 (Middlesex)

Assemblyman PATRICK DIEGNAN, JR.

District 18 (Middlesex)

Assemblyman JOSEPH R. MALONE, III

District 30 (Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean)

Co-Sponsored by:

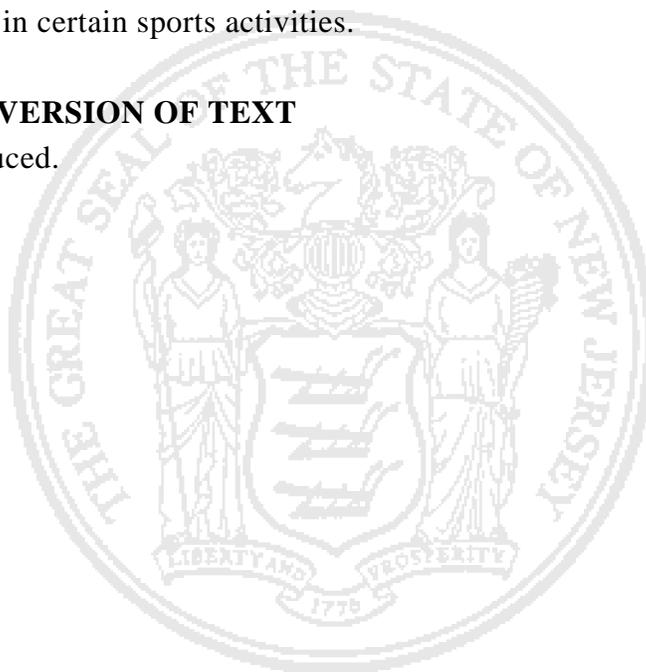
Assemblyman Chiappone

SYNOPSIS

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CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

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(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 11/16/2004)

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36 volleyball, baseball or softball, sponsored by a school, community or
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38 and lens standards of the American Society for Testing and Materials
39 (ASTM) F803.

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41 Sports is authorized to provide grants to assist low-income families in
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4 household income equal to 50% or less of the median gross household
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6 which the housing is located.

7 The bill stipulates that no school, community or government agency
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9 activity described in the bill would be liable in a civil action for failure
10 to administer or enforce the protective eyewear requirement.

ASSEMBLY LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2091

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 3, 2004

The Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2091.

Assembly Bill No. 2091 requires any child who wears corrective eyeglasses while participating in racquetball, squash, tennis, women's lacrosse, basketball, women's field hockey, badminton, paddleball, soccer, volleyball, baseball or softball, sponsored by a school, community or government agency to wear protective eyewear which meets the frames and lens standards of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) F803.

Under the bill, the New Jersey Council on Physical Fitness and Sports is authorized to provide grants to assist low-income families in purchasing the protective eyewear. The bill defines a "low-income family" as one which qualifies for low-income housing under the standards promulgated by the Council on Affordable Housing pursuant to the "Fair Housing Act," N.J.S.A.52:27D-301 et seq. That law defines "low income housing" as housing that is affordable according to federal Department of Housing and Urban Development or other recognized standards for home ownership and rental costs and occupied or reserved for occupancy by households with a gross household income equal to 50% or less of the median gross household income for households of the same size within the housing region in which the housing is located.

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ASSEMBLY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2091

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 4, 2004

The Assembly Health and Human Services Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2091.

This bill implements protective eyewear requirements for children participating in certain athletic activities.

Specifically, the bill provides as follows:

- C A child who wears corrective eyeglasses while participating in racquetball, squash, tennis, women's lacrosse, basketball, women's field hockey, badminton, paddleball, soccer, volleyball, baseball or softball, sponsored by a school, community or government agency, is required to wear protective eyewear that meets the frames and lens standards of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) F803.
- C The New Jersey Council on Physical Fitness and Sports established pursuant to N.J.S.A.26:1A-37.6 is authorized to provide grants to assist low-income families in purchasing the protective eyewear. The bill defines "low-income family" to mean a family which qualifies for low-income housing under standards promulgated by the Council on Affordable Housing pursuant to the "Fair Housing Act" (N.J.S.A.52:27D-301 et seq.).
- C No school, community or government agency engaged in organizing, teaching, refereeing or coaching a sports activity as described in the bill is to be liable in a civil action for failure to administer or enforce the provisions of the bill.

The bill takes effect six months after the date of enactment.

This bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2038 (3R) of 2002 (Frischia/Previte), which this committee reported during the 210th Legislature. That bill passed the Assembly 50-17-8 on October 17, 2002 and was pending in the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee at the conclusion of the 2002-2003 session.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2091

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 5, 2005

The Senate Education Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No.2091 with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill requires any child who wears corrective eyeglasses while participating in racquetball, squash, tennis, women's lacrosse, basketball, women's field hockey, badminton, paddleball, soccer, volleyball, baseball or softball, sponsored by a school, community or government agency to wear protective eyewear that meets the frames standards of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) F803 and the lens standards of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Z87.1.

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The committee amended the bill to provide that the protective eyewear must meet, in addition to the frames standards of the ASTM F803, the lens standards of the ANSI Z87.1. The committee also made a technical amendment to correct a statutory citation.

As reported by committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 1970 with committee amendments.

SENATE, No. 1970

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
211th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 18, 2004

Sponsored by:

Senator PAUL SARLO

District 36 (Bergen, Essex and Passaic)

SYNOPSIS

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SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1970

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 5, 2005

The Senate Education Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1970 with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill requires any child who wears corrective eyeglasses while participating in racquetball, squash, tennis, women's lacrosse, basketball, women's field hockey, badminton, paddleball, soccer, volleyball, baseball or softball, sponsored by a school, community or government agency to wear protective eyewear that meets the frames standards of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) F803 and the lens standards of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Z87.1.

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