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ASSEMBLY, No. 930

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Directs the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association to establish adapted athletic programs.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 9/23/2008)

1 AN ACT concerning the establishment of interscholastic adapted
2 athletic programs and supplementing chapter 11 of Title 18A of
3 the New 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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8 1. The Legislature finds and declares that high school athletics
9 often serve an integral role in the development of students. In
10 addition to providing healthy forms of exercise, high school
11 athletics foster friendships and camaraderie while promoting
12 sportsmanship and fair play and instill the value of competition.
13 The benefits and values of participating in high school athletics
14 should be actively promoted and made available to all students,
15 regardless of cognitive or physical limitations.

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17 2. The New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association,
18 in consultation with the American Association of Adapted Sports
19 Programs, shall establish interscholastic athletic programs adapted
20 for participation by student-athletes with physical disabilities or
21 visual impairments who are participating in an adapted athletic
22 program developed by a school district. The New Jersey State
23 Interscholastic Athletic Association shall require any coach of an
24 adapted athletic program to receive training specific to that
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27 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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34 Adapted Sports Programs to establish interscholastic athletic
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38 bill, the NJSIAA will require any coach of an adapted athletic
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DATED: SEPTEMBER 22, 2008

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SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 8, 2008

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