

P.L. 1997, CHAPTER 47, approved March 27, 1997
Assembly, No. 1609 (First Reprint)

1 AN ACT concerning public school pupils and amending
2 N.J.S.18A:40-4.

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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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7 1. N.J.S.18A:40-4 is amended to read as follows:

8 18A:40-4. The medical inspector, or the nurse or licensed medical
9 and health care personnel under the immediate direction of the medical
10 inspector, shall examine every pupil to learn whether any physical
11 defect exists, or in lieu thereof the medical inspector may accept the
12 report of such an examination by a physician licensed to practice
13 medicine and surgery within the State or by a nurse
14 practitioner/clinical nurse specialist certified by the New Jersey Board
15 of Nursing ¹[, and the] working in collaboration with a physician
16 licensed to practice medicine and surgery within the State. If any
17 deviations in health status are detected, the nurse practitioner/clinical
18 nurse specialist shall refer the pupil to the collaborating physician.
19 The¹ frequency and procedure of and selection of pupils for ¹[such]¹
20 examinations shall comply with the rules of the State board.
21 Additionally a screening of hearing examination shall be conducted on
22 each pupil during the school year pursuant to rules, regulations and
23 standards established by the State Department of Education in
24 consultation with the State Department of Health.

25 A pupil who presents a statement signed by his parents or guardian
26 that such required examinations interfere with the free exercise of his
27 religious beliefs shall be examined only to the extent necessary to
28 determine whether he is ill or infected with a communicable disease or
29 to determine his fitness to participate in any health, safety and physical
30 education course required by law.

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:

¹ Assembly AED committee amendments adopted October 7, 1996.

1 A health record of each pupil shall be kept, in which shall be
2 entered the findings of each examination, and such record shall be the
3 property of the board of education and shall be forwarded to any
4 public school to which the pupil is transferred, if such school is
5 known.

6 (cf: P.L.1979, c. 427, s.1)

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8 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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13 Permits school to accept results of physical examination of pupils by
14 a nurse practitioner/clinical nurse specialist.

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Current law provides that, in place of a physical examination by the school physician, the school may accept the report of such an examination by any licensed physician. This bill would also allow a school to accept a medical report based upon an examination by a nurse practitioner/clinical nurse specialist certified by the New Jersey Board of Nursing.

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ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1609

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 7, 1996

The Assembly Education Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 1609 with committee amendments.

Current law provides that, in place of a physical examination by the school physician, the school may accept the report of such an examination by any licensed physician. As amended by committee, this bill would also allow a school to accept a medical report based upon an examination by a nurse practitioner/clinical nurse specialist certified by the New Jersey Board of Nursing working in collaboration with a physician licensed to practice medicine and surgery within the State.

The committee amended the bill to require that the nurse work in collaboration with a physician and that if any deviations in health status are detected, the nurse refer the pupil to that physician.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 1609

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 10, 1997

The Senate Education Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1609 (1R).

Current law provides that, in place of a physical examination by the school physician, the school may accept the report of such an examination by any licensed physician. This bill would also allow a school to accept a medical report based upon an examination by a nurse practitioner/clinical nurse specialist certified by the New Jersey Board of Nursing working in collaboration with a physician licensed to practice medicine and surgery within the State. If any deviations in health status are detected, the nurse must refer the pupil to that physician.

As reported, this bill is identical to S-589 with Senate committee amendments.