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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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("Clean Ocean
Education Act")

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CHAPTER: 62

Bill No: S2345

Sponsor(s): Hurley and others

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Senate: Energy and Environment

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Senate: Yes

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Hearings: Yes

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974.90 New Jersey Legislature. Assembly Select Committee on
B365 Ocean and Beach Protection.
1989 Public hearing... implementation of
"clean ocean" legislation, held 2-14-89. Trenton, 1989.

974.90 New Jersey. Legislature. Senate. Special Committee to study
B365 Coastal and Ocean Pollution.
1988a Preliminary report... January, 1988. Trenton, 1988
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[FIRST REPRINT]
SENATE, No. 2345

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MARCH 28, 1988

By Senators HURLEY, BROWN, BASSANO, HAINES,
CONNORS, GAGLIANO, GORMLEY, RUSSO, PALLONE,
and VAN WAGNER

1 **AN ACT** to promote public education regarding the impact of
 non-biodegradable materials on ocean waters, and making an
3 appropriation.

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

7 1. This act shall be known, and may be cited, as the "Clean
 Ocean Education Act."

9 2. The Legislature finds and declares that the presence of
 plastic and other non-biodegradable materials in coastal waters
11 has an adverse effect on the quality of ocean waters, on sea
 mammals and other marine life, and potentially on human health;
13 that behavior which results in ocean and beach discharges of such
 materials is the product, at least in part, of a lack of information
15 and awareness on the part of the general public of the
 consequences of their acts; and that a public education program
17 can play a key role in supplementing State, federal, and
 international efforts to reduce ocean pollution and promote a
19 healthy marine environment.

 3. The Department of Environmental Protection, in
21 consultation with the Department of Education ¹and citizen,
 educational and environmental groups¹, shall prepare educational
23 materials concerning the deleterious effects of plastics and other
 forms of pollution on the marine environment. The materials
25 shall promote the values of litter control, oil recycling, street
 cleaning, and "pooper scooper" activities; encourage the use of
27 biodegradable or recyclable alternatives to plastics where
 adequate alternatives exist; and inform citizens of the need to
29 develop and participate in community programs for recycling,
 litter control, and other similar public benefit programs. The
31 Department of Environmental Protection shall distribute these

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 Senate SEN committee amendments adopted May 19, 1988.

1 educational materials to civic, community, and other public
interest organizations.

3 4. The Department of Education shall distribute the
educational materials prepared by the Department of
5 Environmental Protection pursuant to section 3 of this act to
each school district in the State. Local school boards are
7 encouraged to integrate these educational materials into the
curricula where possible, and to otherwise make them available
9 to elementary and secondary school children for extracurricular
activities and to their parents.

11 5. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
Department of Environmental Protection the sum of \$50,000 to
13 carry out its responsibilities under this act.

15 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

15 The problem of ocean pollution, which is adversely affecting
the tourist industry as well as posing a potential threat to public
17 health and marine life, is reaching crisis proportions. State,
federal, and even international efforts are underway to remediate
19 the damage and to take whatever steps are necessary to obviate
the continued violation of the coastal waters and beaches. An
21 aspect of that problem is the presence of plastics and other
non-biodegradable materials in the ocean, which presence is
23 attributable in some measure to the uninformed, unaware, and
neglectful behavior of the public at large. An educated and
25 aware public can, therefore, play a vital supplementary role to
these institutional efforts.

27 Accordingly, this bill would require the Department of
Environmental Protection to develop educational materials
29 detailing the effects of plastic and other non-biodegradable
materials on marine life; inform the public about the values of
31 activities on land that would minimize the ocean and beach
pollution problem, including the advocacy of biodegradable
33 alternatives where they exist; and encourage citizen participation
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35 The bill further requires the Department of Education to
distribute these materials to local school districts who are, in
37 turn, encouraged to integrate them into the curricula where
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39 and their parents where appropriate.

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SENATE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2345

with Senate committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 19, 1988

The Senate Energy and Environment Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 2345 with Senate committee amendments.

S-2345, as amended, would require the Department of Environmental Protection to develop educational materials detailing the effects of plastic and other forms of pollution on marine life; inform the public about the values of activities on land that would minimize the ocean and beach pollution problem, including the advocacy of biodegradable alternatives where they exist; and encourage citizen participation in community programs to undertake these efforts.

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This bill also appropriates \$50,000 to the Department of Environmental Protection to carry out its responsibilities under this act.

As reported by the Committee S-2345 is identical to A-2849 1R.