

18A:35-4.11

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST
Compiled by the NJ State Law Library

NJSA: 18A:35-4.11

(Agriculture
science--courses--credit)

LAWS OF: 1991

CHAPTER: 114

Bill No: A3343

Sponsor(s): Cimino and others

Date Introduced: April 23, 1990

Committee: Assembly: Education

Senate: Education

Amended during passage: Yes Amendments during passage
denoted by asterisks.

Date of Passage: Assembly: December 3, 1990

Senate: March 7, 1991

Date of Approval: April 19, 1991

Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement: Yes

Committee Statement: Assembly: Yes

Senate: Yes

Fiscal Note: No

Veto Message: No

Message on signing: No

Following were printed:

Reports: No

Hearings: No

Guidelines, mentioned--not available as of 7-91.
KBG/SLJ

[FIRST REPRINT]
ASSEMBLY, No. 3343

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED APRIL 23, 1990

By Assemblymen CIMINO, PASCRELL,
Marsella, Salmon, Patero and Naples

1 AN ACT concerning agricultural science education and
2 supplementing P.L.1979, c.241 (C.18A:7C-1 et seq.).

3

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

6 1. The Legislature finds and declares that agriculture is an
7 applied science and that certified ¹[agricultural science]
8 agriculture¹ teachers have strong scientific educational
9 backgrounds which qualify them to teach agricultural science
10 courses. The Legislature further finds that recent changes in the
11 State high school graduation requirements have increased the
12 number of science credits needed for graduation thereby reducing
13 student opportunities to participate in agricultural education
14 courses such as plant science, animal science, agricultural
15 biology, and agricultural science.

16 2. The Department of Education, in consultation with teachers
17 who hold an instructional certificate with an agriculture
18 endorsement, shall develop curriculum guidelines for agricultural
19 science education programs appropriate for use in grades 9
20 through 12 of the public schools. The department shall make
21 these curriculum guidelines available to all school districts in the
22 State.

23 3. The Department of Education shall establish a standardized
24 process for the evaluation of agricultural science courses and
25 programs offered by local school districts for the purpose of
26 identifying the science skills that are taught in the course or
27 program. Any student who satisfactorily completes an
28 agricultural science course or program which is determined to
29 contain appropriate science skills shall receive credit toward
30 meeting high school graduation requirements for science
31 established by statute or regulation.

32 4. In the event that the State Board of Education develops
33 Statewide core course proficiencies in science, the State board
34 shall include the agricultural science proficiencies contained in
35 the curriculum guidelines established pursuant to section 2 of this
36 act in those proficiencies.

37 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

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 September 13, 1990.

EDUCATION

1
2
3
4
5

Provides that any student who satisfactorily completes an appropriate agricultural science course shall receive credit toward meeting high school graduation requirements for science.

ASSEMBLY, No. 3343

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED APRIL 23, 1990

By Assemblymen CIMINO, PASCRELL,
Marsella, Salmon, Patero and Naples

1 AN ACT concerning agricultural science education and
2 supplementing P.L.1979, c.241 (C.18A:7C-1 et seq.).

3

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

6 1. The Legislature finds and declares that agriculture is an
7 applied science and that certified agricultural science teachers
8 have strong scientific educational backgrounds which qualify
9 them to teach agricultural science courses. The Legislature
10 further finds that recent changes in the State high school
11 graduation requirements have increased the number of science
12 credits needed for graduation thereby reducing student
13 opportunities to participate in agricultural education courses such
14 as plant science, animal science, agricultural biology, and
15 agricultural science.

16 2. The Department of Education, in consultation with teachers
17 who hold an instructional certificate with an agriculture
18 endorsement, shall develop curriculum guidelines for agricultural
19 science education programs appropriate for use in grades 9
20 through 12 of the public schools. The department shall make
21 these curriculum guidelines available to all school districts in the
22 State.

23 3. The Department of Education shall establish a standardized
24 process for the evaluation of agricultural science courses and
25 programs offered by local school districts for the purpose of
26 identifying the science skills that are taught in the course or
27 program. Any student who satisfactorily completes an
28 agricultural science course or program which is determined to
29 contain appropriate science skills shall receive credit toward
30 meeting high school graduation requirements for science
31 established by statute or regulation.

32 4. In the event that the State Board of Education develops
33 Statewide core course proficiencies in science, the State board
34 shall include the agricultural science proficiencies contained in
35 the curriculum guidelines established pursuant to section 2 of this
36 act in those proficiencies.

37 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

38

39

40

STATEMENT

41

42 This bill directs the Department of Education to establish a

1 standardized process for the evaluation of agricultural science
2 courses and programs offered by local school districts for the
3 purpose of identifying the science skills that are taught in the
4 course or program. Any student who satisfactorily completes an
5 agricultural science course or program which is determined to
6 contain appropriate science skills shall receive credit toward
7 meeting high school graduation requirements for science.

8 The bill also directs the Department of Education, in
9 consultation with certified agricultural science teachers, to
10 develop curriculum guidelines for agricultural science education
11 programs and to make those guidelines available to all school
12 districts in the State.

13

14

15 EDUCATION

16

17 Provides that any student who satisfactorily completes an
18 appropriate agricultural science course shall receive credit
19 toward meeting high school graduation requirements for science.

ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3343

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 13, 1990

The Assembly Education Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 3343 as amended.

As amended, this bill directs the Department of Education to establish a standardized process for the evaluation of agricultural science courses and programs offered by local school districts for the purpose of identifying the science skills that are taught in the course or program. Any student who satisfactorily completes an agricultural science course or program which is determined to contain appropriate science skills shall receive credit toward meeting high school graduation requirements for science. N.J.A.C.6:8-7.1 requires, effective with the class that entered ninth grade in 1989, the successful completion of two credit years of natural or physical science.

The bill also directs the Department of Education, in consultation with certified agriculture teachers, to develop curriculum guidelines for agricultural science education programs and to make those guidelines available to all school districts in the State.

A representative for the New Jersey School Boards Association expressed support for the bill. The Department of Education expressed reservations.

The committee amendment corrects the title of the agriculture endorsement to the teaching certificate, as used in section 1 of the bill.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[FIRST REPRINT]

ASSEMBLY, No. 3343

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 25, 1991

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports this bill without committee amendments.

This bill directs the Department of Education to establish a standardized process for the evaluation of agricultural science courses and programs offered by local school districts for the purpose of identifying the science skills that are taught in the course or program. Any student who satisfactorily completes an agricultural science course or program which is determined to contain appropriate science skills shall receive credit toward meeting high school graduation requirements for science. N.J.A.C.6:8-7.1 requires, effective with the class that entered ninth grade in 1989, the successful completion of two credit years of natural or physical science.

The bill also directs the Department of Education, in consultation with certified agriculture teachers, to develop curriculum guidelines for agricultural science education programs and to make those guidelines available to all school districts in the State.