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curriculum guidelines)

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974.90 New Jersey. Legislature. Assembly.
H434 Health & Human Services Committee.
1990h Public hearing on the impact of lyme disease in New Jersey and
measures to address this problem, held 11-2-90. Jackson Township,
N.J., 1990

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[SECOND REPRINT]
ASSEMBLY, No. 3447

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED APRIL 26, 1990

By Assemblywoman FORD, Assemblymen DOYLE,
Cimino and Baer

1 AN ACT concerning the development of a Lyme Disease
2 information curriculum and supplementing chapter 35 of Title
3 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

7 1. The Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the
8 Commissioner of Health, shall develop curriculum guidelines for
9 the teaching of information on the prevention of Lyme Disease
10 within the public school health curriculum. The guidelines shall
11 emphasize disease prevention and sensitivity for victims of the
12 disease. The Commissioner of Education shall periodically review
13 and update the guidelines to insure that the curriculum reflects
14 the most current information available.

15 2. The commissioner shall make the curriculum guidelines
16 available to all school districts in the State and shall encourage
17 their adoption by those districts which are located in areas of the
18 State which have a high incidence of Lyme Disease.

19 ¹3. The Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the
20 Commissioner of Health, shall also provide ²[a]² curriculum
21 ²guidelines² for the training of all teachers who instruct students
22 with Lyme disease which emphasizes the special needs and
23 problems of students with the disease, in order to provide
24 information about how best to teach those students.¹ ²Each
25 school district shall annually provide training to all teachers who
26 instruct students with Lyme disease, based upon the guidelines.²

27 ¹[3.] 4.¹ This act shall take effect immediately.

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32 Directs the Commissioner of Education to develop a Lyme
33 Disease information curriculum.

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 AHH committee amendments adopted April 8, 1991.

² Senate SED committee amendments adopted December 5, 1991.

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17 their adoption by those districts which are located in areas of the
18 State which have a high incidence of Lyme Disease.

19 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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24 This bill directs the Commissioner of Education, in consultation
25 with the Commissioner of Health, to develop curriculum
26 guidelines for the teaching of information on the prevention of
27 Lyme Disease within the public school health curriculum. The
28 guidelines are to emphasize disease prevention and sensitivity for
29 victims of the disease. Under the bill's provisions, the
30 commissioner is to make the curriculum guidelines available to
31 all school districts in the State and is to encourage their adoption
32 by those districts which are located in areas of the State which
33 have a high incidence of Lyme Disease.

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ASSEMBLY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3447

with Assembly committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: APRIL 8, 1991

The Assembly Health and Human Services Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 3447 with committee amendments.

As amended by the committee, this bill requires the Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the Commissioner of Health, to develop curriculum guidelines for the teaching of information on the prevention of Lyme disease within the public school health curriculum. The guidelines are to emphasize disease prevention and sensitivity for victims of the disease. The Commissioner of Education is also required to periodically review and update the guidelines to insure that the curriculum reflects the most current information available.

The amended bill further directs the commissioner to make the curriculum guidelines available to all school districts in the State and to encourage their adoption by those districts which are located in areas of the State which have a high incidence of Lyme disease.

The committee amended the bill to require that the Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the Commissioner of Health, shall also provide a curriculum for the training of all teachers who instruct students with Lyme disease which emphasizes the special needs and problems of students with the disease, in order to provide information about how best to teach those students. This additional requirement is intended to provide teachers with the information that they need to recognize and address the psychological and physical needs and problems of students suffering from Lyme disease which affect them both in and out of school and often inhibit their ability to perform academically and engage in the various activities which children and youth normally pursue.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[FIRST REPRINT]

ASSEMBLY, No. 3447

with Senate committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 5, 1991

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports this bill with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill requires the Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the Commissioner of Health, to develop curriculum guidelines for the teaching of information within the public school health curriculum on the prevention of Lyme disease. The guidelines are to emphasize disease prevention and sensitivity for victims of the disease. The Commissioner of Education is also required to review and update periodically the guidelines to insure that the curriculum reflects the most current information available.

The bill also directs the commissioner to make the curriculum guidelines available to all school districts in the State and to encourage their adoption by those districts which are located in areas of the State which have a high incidence of Lyme disease.

Finally, the bill directs the commissioner to provide a curriculum for the training of all teachers who instruct students with Lyme disease which emphasizes the special needs and problems of students with the disease, in order to provide information about how best to teach those students.

The committee amended the bill to require each school district to provide training to teachers who instruct students with Lyme disease.