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SYNOPSIS

Permits students to be eligible for high school graduation credits in health, safety, and physical education for completing county fire academy course under certain circumstances.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Education Committee with technical review.



1 AN ACT concerning credit for graduation requirements and
2 supplementing chapter 35 of Title 18A of the New Jersey
3 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. a. A student who successfully completes a course at a county
9 fire academy shall be eligible to receive credit toward meeting high
10 school graduation requirements for health, safety, and physical
11 education in accordance with N.J.A.C.6A:8-5.1, provided that the
12 student:

13 (1) is between the ages of 16 and 18 years old;

14 (2) completes an examination, as applicable, to become a junior
15 firefighter, or an equivalent position; and

16 (3) commits to volunteer at the fire department that serves the
17 municipality in which the student resides for a period of two years.

18 b. Nothing in this act shall be construed as fulfilling the
19 requirement to become a member of the Junior Firefighter's
20 Auxiliary established pursuant to N.J.S.40A:14-96.

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22 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to
23 the first full school year following the date of enactment.