

# SENATE, No. 2066

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 214th LEGISLATURE

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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires school districts to report to DOE certain information on students removed from school pursuant to "Zero Tolerance for Guns Act."

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning violence in the public schools and  
2 supplementing chapter 17 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. Each school district shall file annually with the  
9 Department of Education a report detailing the extent of violence  
10 and vandalism in the schools of the district. The report shall also  
11 include information on the number of pupils removed from a  
12 school's regular education program pursuant to section 2 of  
13 P.L.1995, c.127 (C.18A:37-8) and the disposition, if known, of the  
14 pupil by any law enforcement or prosecuting agency. This  
15 information shall be included in the annual report submitted by the  
16 Commissioner of Education to the Senate and General Assembly  
17 Education Committees pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1982, c.163  
18 (C.18A:17-48).

19 b. The Commissioner of Education shall recognize school  
20 districts that initiate intervention programs designed to reduce the  
21 incidents of violence in the school district. Information regarding  
22 those intervention programs shall be made available to all school  
23 districts in an effort to promote the establishment of similar  
24 programs.

25 c. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules and  
26 regulations pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"  
27 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), necessary to effectuate the  
28 provisions of this act.

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30 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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33 STATEMENT

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35 This bill requires each school district to file annually with the  
36 Department of Education a report detailing the extent of violence  
37 and vandalism in the schools of the district. The department, in  
38 order to compile its report to the Senate and Assembly Education  
39 Committees on violence and vandalism in the public schools,  
40 already requires school districts to provide this information. This  
41 bill would make the district's reporting on violence and vandalism  
42 in the schools a statutory requirement.

43 The bill also requires that a district's report include information  
44 on the number of pupils who have been removed from a school's  
45 regular education program pursuant to the "Zero Tolerance for Guns  
46 Act," P.L.1995, c.127 (C.18A:37-7 et seq.), and the disposition, if  
47 known, of these pupils by any law enforcement or prosecuting  
48 agency. Under this law a pupil "who is convicted or adjudicated

1 delinquent for possession of a firearm or a crime while armed with  
2 a firearm or found knowingly in possession of a firearm on any  
3 school property, on a school bus, or at a school-sponsored function  
4 shall be immediately removed from the school's regular education  
5 program ...." Information on the number of pupils removed from  
6 the regular education program and the disposition of the pupils will  
7 also be included in the annual report submitted by the  
8 Commissioner of Education to the Senate and General Assembly  
9 Education Committees.

10 The Commissioner of Education is required to recognize school  
11 districts that initiate intervention programs designed to reduce the  
12 incidents of violence in the school district and to make information  
13 about those programs available to all school districts.