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SYNOPSIS

Prohibits administration of standardized assessments in kindergarten through second grade.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Education Committee on February 12, 2015, with amendments.

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1 AN ACT prohibiting the administration of standardized assessments
2 in certain grades and supplementing chapter 7C of Title 18A of
3 the New Jersey 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. As used in this section, “commercially-developed
9 standardized assessment” means an assessment that requires all test
10 takers to answer the same questions, or a selection of questions
11 from a common bank of questions, in the same manner, and is
12 developed and scored by an entity under a contract with a board of
13 education. ¹A commercially-developed standardized assessment
14 shall not include diagnostic and formative assessments used by
15 teaching staff members to identify particular student learning needs
16 or the need for special services, or to modify instructional strategies
17 to improve individual student learning.¹

18 b. A board of education shall not administer any commercially-
19 developed standardized assessment that is not required pursuant to
20 State or federal law to a student enrolled in kindergarten through
21 the second grade. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit
22 the ability of a classroom teacher or board of education to develop,
23 administer, and score an assessment for an individual classroom,
24 grade level, or group of grade levels in any subject area in
25 kindergarten through the second grade.

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27 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first be
28 applicable to the first full school year beginning after the date of
29 enactment.

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:

¹Assembly AED committee amendments adopted February 12, 2015.