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SYNOPSIS

Allows school districts and requires public colleges to enter into dual enrollment agreements to provide college-level instruction to high school students through courses offered on college or high school campuses.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the General Assembly on June 23, 2014.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/15/2014)

1 AN ACT concerning dual enrollment programs, supplementing
2 chapter 61C of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes, and
3 repealing P.L.1986, c.193 and P.L.1986, c.194.

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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. ¹**【**Within one year of the effective date of this act, a A¹
9 school district with a high school ¹**【**shall may¹ enter into a dual
10 enrollment agreement with one or more public institutions of higher
11 education.

12 b. ¹**【**Within one year of the effective date of this act, a A¹
13 public institution of higher education ², other than a State college
14 which generally limits enrollment in its undergraduate programs to
15 persons who are at least 21 years of age.² shall enter into a dual
16 enrollment agreement with one or more school districts with a high
17 school.

18 c. A dual enrollment agreement between a public institution of
19 higher education and a school district shall delineate the dual
20 enrollment program pursuant to which instruction is provided to
21 high school students through courses offered by the institution of
22 higher education on its campus or on the campus of the public high
23 school for college credit or credit toward a career certificate.

24 d. The dual enrollment agreement shall include:

25 (1) a description of the courses available to students eligible to
26 participate in the dual enrollment program;

27 (2) a description of the student eligibility requirements for
28 initial and continuing participation in the dual enrollment program,
29 which shall include a provision that ensures that an eligible student
30 is not excluded from participation because of an inability to pay;

31 (3) a description of the process by which a student and his
32 parent or guardian exercise the option to participate in the dual
33 enrollment program;

34 (4) a provision ensuring that any dual enrollment course taught
35 on the high school campus is equivalent in rigor to courses taught
36 on the campus of the institution of higher education;

37 (5) a description of the process by which a student and his
38 parent or guardian are informed about opportunities for student
39 participation in the dual enrollment program; and

40 (6) such other items as deemed appropriate by the
41 Commissioner of Education and the Secretary of Higher Education.

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43 2. A public institution of higher education shall accept the

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 June 12, 2014.

²Assembly floor amendments adopted June 23, 2014.

1 course credit of a student who successfully completes a course
2 under the dual enrollment program.

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4 3. The Commissioner of Education and the Secretary of Higher
5 Education shall submit annually a joint report to the Governor and
6 to the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164
7 (C.52:14-19.1), on dual enrollment programs in the State. The
8 report shall include, but need not be limited to: information related
9 to the utilization of dual enrollment programs throughout the State,
10 including information specific to the income-level and location
11 within the State of participating students; the effect dual enrollment
12 programs have on reducing the average time-to-degree completion
13 and increasing the likelihood of college graduation for participating
14 students; an analysis of the rigor of the courses taken pursuant to
15 the dual enrollment program; and recommendations for any
16 suggested changes to the dual enrollment program.

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18 4. The State Board of Education and the Secretary of Higher
19 Education each shall adopt, pursuant to the “Administrative
20 Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), rules and
21 regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this act.

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23 5. The following sections are repealed:
24 Sections 1 and 3 of P.L.1986, c.194 (C.18A:61C-1 and
25 C.18A:61C-3); and
26 Sections 1 through 7 of P.L.1986, c.193 (C.18A:61C-4 through
27 C.18A:61C-9).

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29 6. This act shall take effect ¹**[immediately]** in the 2015-2016
30 school year¹.