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SYNOPSIS

Authorizes board of education to establish community service credit program for high school students.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Education Committee on December 14, 2015, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning community service credit for public high
2 school students and supplementing chapter 36 of Title 18A of the
3 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. The board of education of a school district that includes
9 grades 9 through 12 ¹**[shall]** may¹ establish a community service
10 credit program that allows a high school student to earn credit as an
11 optional elective towards the high school graduation requirements
12 upon the completion of an approved community service activity.
13 The board of education shall determine the number of hours of
14 community service that a student shall complete in order to receive
15 the credit. The board shall also determine the number of credits that
16 may be earned by a student for community service.

17 b. A high school student:

18 (1) may complete the community service activity during the
19 evenings and on weekends, but shall not complete the activity
20 during school hours;

21 (2) may complete the community service activity with a non-
22 profit agency or organization, a public agency or institution, a non-
23 profit or for-profit health care facility, or any other community
24 organization which the board of education deems appropriate; and

25 (3) shall not receive compensation for the community service
26 activity or substitute employment for the activity.

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28 2. This act shall take effect immediately and first apply to the
29 ¹**[2015-2016]** first full¹ school year ¹following the date of
30 enactment¹.

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:

¹Senate SED committee amendments adopted December 14, 2015.