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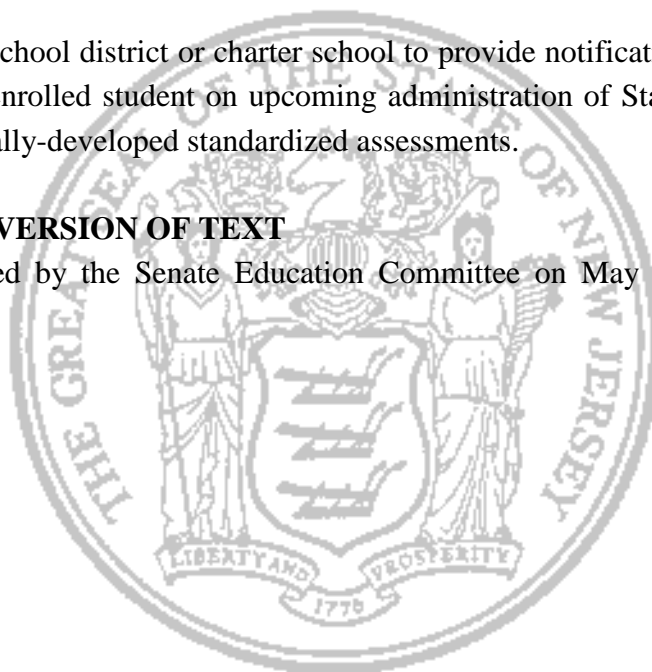
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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires school district or charter school to provide notification to parent or guardian of enrolled student on upcoming administration of State assessments or commercially-developed standardized assessments.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Senate Education Committee on May 18, 2015, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning student testing in public schools and  
2 supplementing chapter 7C 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. As used in this act:

9 “Commercially-developed standardized assessment” means  
10 **an** a State-required or district-mandated<sup>1</sup> assessment that is  
11 administered by the school district or charter school that requires all  
12 students in a grade to answer the same questions, or a selection of  
13 questions from a common bank of questions, in the same manner,  
14 and is developed and scored by an entity under contract with a  
15 board of education.

16 “State assessment” means an assessment required pursuant to  
17 State or federal law and administered to all students in a specific  
18 grade level or subject area and whose results are aggregated for  
19 analysis at the district, school, or student subgroup level.

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21 2. a. No later than October 1 of each school year, a school  
22 district or charter school shall provide to the parents or guardians of  
23 a student enrolled in the district or charter school information on  
24 any State assessment or commercially-developed standardized  
25 assessment that will be administered to the student in that school  
26 year. If a school district or charter school elects to administer an  
27 additional commercially-developed standardized assessment after  
28 October 1, then the information shall be provided within 30 days of  
29 that determination. The information <sup>1</sup>, as determined by the  
30 commissioner through regulations adopted pursuant to the  
31 “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et  
32 seq.),<sup>1</sup> shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:

33 (1) the subject area of the assessment and grade levels covered  
34 by the assessment;

35 (2) the date or range of potential dates for the administration of  
36 the assessment;

37 (3) the time allotted for the student to take and complete the  
38 assessment;

39 (4) any accommodations or accessibility options available to  
40 students;

41 (5) information on how and when the student and his parent or  
42 guardian can access both sample question and answers to the  
43 assessment and the student’s results; and

44 (6) whether the assessment is required by the State, the federal  
45 government, or both.

**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:

<sup>1</sup>Senate SED committee amendments adopted May 18, 2015.

1       b. The commissioner shall provide to each school district and  
2 charter school a model document to provide to parents or guardians  
3 the information required pursuant to subsection a. of this section  
4 and information on the costs incurred by the State associated with  
5 the administration of the State assessment.

6       c. The information required pursuant to subsection a. of this  
7 section shall be provided, to the maximum extent feasible, in the  
8 native languages of the parents or guardians of the students enrolled  
9 in the school district or charter school.

10      d. The information provided pursuant to subsection a. of this  
11 section shall also be available at the meeting of the board of  
12 education of the district or the meeting of the board of trustees of  
13 the charter school at which the annual School Performance Reports  
14 are presented to the public.

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16      3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first be  
17 applicable to the first full school year following enactment.