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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires legislative approval of changes to core curriculum content standards and Statewide assessments.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning the core curriculum content standards,  
2 amending P.L.2007, c.260, and supplementing chapter 7C of  
3 Title 18A of 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. Section 4 of P.L.2007, c.260 (C.18A:7F-46) is amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 4. a. The State Board of Education shall review and update the  
11 core curriculum content standards every five years. The standards  
12 shall ensure that all children are provided the educational  
13 opportunity needed to equip them for the role of citizen and labor  
14 market competitor. An update or revision made to the core  
15 curriculum content standards following the effective date of P.L. ,  
16 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) shall  
17 require the approval of the Legislature. The State board shall  
18 forward the update or revision to the Legislature, and the  
19 Legislature shall adopt a concurrent resolution within 45 days of  
20 submission to approve or disapprove the update or revision. In the  
21 event that the Legislature adopts a concurrent resolution to approve  
22 the update or revision, it shall be implemented. In the event that the  
23 Legislature adopts a concurrent resolution to disapprove the update  
24 or revision, it shall not be implemented.

25 The Commissioner of Education shall develop and establish,  
26 through the report issued pursuant to subsection b. of this section,  
27 efficiency standards which define the types of programs, services,  
28 activities, and materials necessary to achieve a thorough and  
29 efficient education.

30 b. By September 1 of 2010 and by September 1 every three  
31 years thereafter, the Governor, after consultation with the  
32 commissioner, shall recommend to the Legislature through the  
33 issuance of the Educational Adequacy Report for the three school  
34 years to which the report is applicable:

35 (1) the base per pupil amount based upon the core curriculum  
36 content standards established pursuant to subsection a. of this  
37 section;

38 (2) the per pupil amounts for full-day preschool;

39 (3) the weights for grade level, county vocational school  
40 districts, at-risk pupils, bilingual pupils, and combination pupils;

41 (4) the cost coefficients for security aid and transportation aid;

42 (5) the State average classification rate for general special  
43 education services pupils and for speech-only pupils;

44 (6) the excess cost for general special education services pupils  
45 and for speech-only pupils; and

**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.

1 (7) the extraordinary special education aid thresholds.

2 The base per pupil amount, the per pupil amounts for full-day  
3 preschool, the excess costs for general special education services  
4 pupils and for speech-only pupils, and the cost-coefficients for  
5 security aid and transportation aid shall be adjusted by the CPI for  
6 each of the two school years following the first school year to  
7 which the report is applicable.

8 The amounts shall be deemed approved for the three successive  
9 fiscal years beginning from the subsequent July 1, unless between  
10 the date of transmittal and the subsequent November 30, the  
11 Legislature adopts a concurrent resolution stating that the  
12 Legislature is not in agreement with all or any specific part of the  
13 report. The concurrent resolution shall advise the Governor of the  
14 Legislature's specific objections to the report and shall direct the  
15 commissioner to submit to the Legislature a revised report which  
16 responds to those objections by January 1.

17 (cf: PL.2007, c.260, s.4)

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19 2. (New section) Any revisions made to a Statewide assessment  
20 or the adoption of a new Statewide assessment shall require the  
21 approval of the Legislature. The State board shall forward the  
22 revised or new Statewide assessment to the Legislature, and the  
23 Legislature shall adopt a concurrent resolution within 45 days of  
24 submission to approve or disapprove the new or revised Statewide  
25 assessment. In the event that the Legislature adopts a concurrent  
26 resolution to approve the new or revised Statewide assessment, it  
27 shall be implemented. In the event that the Legislature adopts a  
28 concurrent resolution to disapprove the new or revised Statewide  
29 assessment, it shall not be implemented.

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31 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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36 Under current law, the State Board of Education is directed to  
37 review and update the core curriculum content standards every five  
38 years. This bill provides that any update or revision made to the  
39 core curriculum content standards following the bill's effective date  
40 will require the approval of the Legislature. The State board must  
41 forward the update or revision to the Legislature, and the  
42 Legislature must adopt a concurrent resolution within 45 days of  
43 submission to approve or disapprove the update or revision. In the  
44 event that the Legislature adopts a concurrent resolution to approve  
45 the update or revision, it may be implemented. In the event that the  
46 Legislature adopts a concurrent resolution to disapprove the update  
47 or revision, it may not be implemented.

1        Similarly, the bill requires that any revision made to a Statewide  
2 assessment or the adoption of a new Statewide assessment will also  
3 require the approval of the Legislature through the adoption of a  
4 concurrent resolution. In the event that the Legislature adopts a  
5 concurrent resolution to approve the revised or new Statewide  
6 assessment, it may be implemented. In the event that the  
7 Legislature adopts a concurrent resolution to disapprove the new or  
8 revised Statewide assessment, it may not be implemented.