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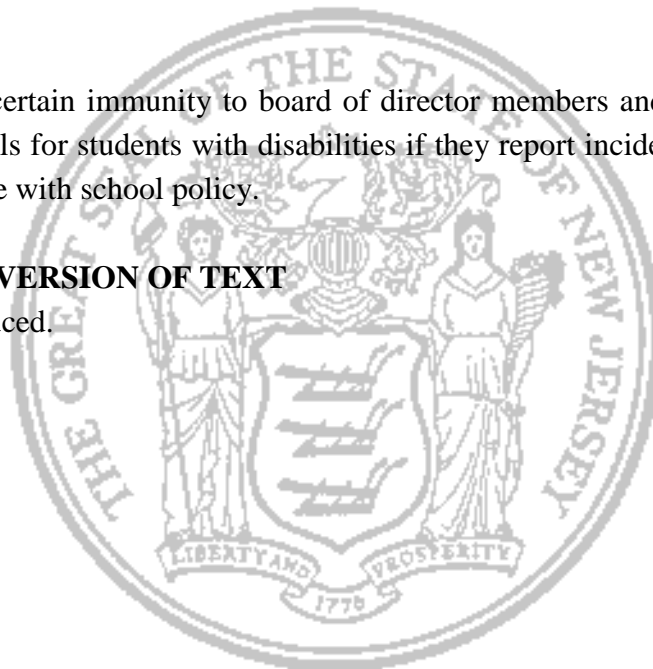
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SYNOPSIS

Provides certain immunity to board of director members and employees of private schools for students with disabilities if they report incidents of bullying in compliance with school policy.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning harassment, intimidation, and bullying in
2 school settings and supplementing P.L.2002, c.83 (C.18A:37-13
3 et seq.).
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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. In the event that the State Board of Education requires
9 approved private schools for students with disabilities to develop,
10 adopt, and implement a policy prohibiting harassment, intimidation,
11 or bullying on school grounds, a member of a board of directors or
12 an employee of an approved private school for students with
13 disabilities who promptly reports an incident of harassment,
14 intimidation, or bullying to the appropriate school official
15 designated by the school's policy or to any school administrator,
16 and who makes this report in compliance with the procedures in the
17 school's policy, is immune from a cause of action for damages
18 arising from any failure to remedy the reported incident.
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20 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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23 STATEMENT
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25 The "Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act," P.L.2002, c.83
26 (C.18A:37-13 et seq.), does not explicitly apply to approved private
27 schools for students with disabilities acting under contract to
28 provide educational services on behalf of New Jersey public school
29 districts. However, State Board of Education regulations
30 promulgated to effectuate this law do include these schools and
31 require them to develop, adopt, and implement a policy prohibiting
32 harassment, intimidation, or bullying on school grounds.

33 Under this bill, board of director members and employees of
34 approved private schools for students with disabilities who
35 promptly report an incident of harassment, intimidation, or bullying
36 to the appropriate school official designated by the school's policy
37 or to any school administrator, and who make this report in
38 compliance with the procedures in the school's anti-bullying policy,
39 will be immune from a cause of action for damages arising from
40 any failure to remedy the reported incident. This provision will
41 provide the same immunity that is currently given to members of a
42 school board and school district employees under subsection c. of
43 section 4 of P.L.2002, c.83 (C.18A:37-16) of the "Anti-Bullying
44 Bill of Rights Act."