

SENATE, No. 2398

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Requires school district to adopt policy allowing students in grades 9 through 12 who participate in certain interscholastic extracurricular activities to earn varsity letter.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning student participation in certain public school
2 extracurricular activities and supplementing chapter 42 of Title
3 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. A school district that includes any of the grades 9 through 12
9 shall adopt a policy to provide that a student enrolled in those
10 grades who participates in any school-sponsored, interscholastic
11 extracurricular activity that includes competitions in which the
12 student competes against students enrolled in schools outside of the
13 district may be eligible to earn a varsity letter awarded by the
14 district.

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16 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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21 This bill requires a school district that includes any of the grades
22 9 through 12 to adopt a policy to provide that a student enrolled in
23 those grades who participates in any school-sponsored,
24 interscholastic extracurricular activity that includes competitions in
25 which the student competes against students enrolled in schools
26 outside of the district may be eligible to earn a varsity letter
27 awarded by the district.

28 There is a long history of high schools awarding varsity letters to
29 students who participate in “traditional” sports programs. This bill
30 allows students who participate in other forms of competition
31 against students in schools outside of their district to also earn
32 varsity letters.