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District 18 (Middlesex)

SYNOPSIS

Requires board of education to post information about child abuse hotline in each school.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning the State child abuse hotline and supplementing
2 chapter 33 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. A board of education shall prominently display information
8 about the Department of Children and Families' State Central
9 Registry, a toll free hotline for reporting child abuse, in each school
10 of the district. The information shall give instructions to call 911
11 for emergencies and shall include directions for accessing the
12 department's website for more information on reporting abuse,
13 neglect, and exploitation.

14 The information shall be in a format and language that is clear,
15 simple, and understandable to students. The information shall be
16 posted at each school in at least one high-traffic, highly and clearly
17 visible public area that is readily accessible to and widely used by
18 students. The information shall be on a poster that is 11 by 17
19 inches large or greater, placed at eye level, and using bold print to
20 display the toll free hotline number.

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22 2. This act shall take effect on the 30th day after the date of
23 enactment.

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STATEMENT

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30 Central Registry, a toll free hotline for reporting child abuse, in
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