

**ASSEMBLY, No. 269**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**218th LEGISLATURE**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires school districts to provide instruction on water safety as part of New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Comprehensive Health and Physical Education.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/25/2019)**

1 AN ACT concerning the provision of water safety instruction in  
2 public school curriculum and supplementing chapter 35 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. Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, each school  
9 district shall incorporate instruction on water safety into the health  
10 education curriculum for students in grades K through 12 as part of  
11 the district's implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning  
12 Standards for Comprehensive Health and Physical Education.

13 b. The instruction shall provide students with information on:  
14 (1) the proper use of flotation devices;  
15 (2) how to become aware of water conditions;  
16 (3) the danger of rip currents and how to respond if caught in one;  
17 and  
18 (4) the importance of swimming in areas monitored by a lifeguard.

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20 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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23 STATEMENT

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25 This bill requires each school district to incorporate instruction  
26 on water safety into the health education curriculum for students in  
27 grades K through 12 as part of the district's implementation of the  
28 New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Comprehensive Health  
29 and Physical Education, beginning with the 2018-2019 school year.  
30 The instruction must provide information on: the proper use of  
31 flotation devices; how to become aware of water conditions; the  
32 danger of rip currents and how to respond if caught in one; and the  
33 importance of swimming in areas monitored by a lifeguard.

34 Drownings are the fifth leading cause of accidental death in the  
35 United States according to the Centers for Disease Control. While  
36 New Jersey students participate in drills for fire and active shooter  
37 crises, they do not receive instruction on what to do if you are  
38 drowning or see someone drowning.