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SYNOPSIS

Requires instruction on cursive handwriting in public school curriculum.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning instruction on cursive handwriting in the public
2 school curriculum and supplementing chapter 35 of Title 18A of
3 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 shall incorporate instruction on cursive
9 handwriting into the curriculum for students in elementary schools.
10 The curriculum shall include activities and instructional materials
11 that help students become proficient in reading cursive and writing
12 in cursive legibly by the end of the third grade.

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14 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to
15 the first full school year following the date of enactment.

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STATEMENT

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20 This bill requires a school district to incorporate instruction on
21 cursive handwriting into the curriculum for students in elementary
22 schools. The curriculum will include activities and instructional
23 materials that help students become proficient in reading cursive
24 and writing in cursive legibly by the end of the third grade.

25 Some research suggests that learning to read and write in cursive
26 benefits the development of cognitive, motor, and literacy skills. In
27 addition, instruction in cursive handwriting has been associated
28 with improved academic outcomes for students with learning
29 disabilities such as dyslexia.