

**SENATE, No. 2563**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**218th LEGISLATURE**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires each board of education to adopt policy establishing temperature control standards and guidelines for school district facilities.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 9/25/2018)**

1 AN ACT concerning temperature control of public school buildings  
2 and supplementing chapter 33 of Title 18A of the New Jersey  
3 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. Each board of education shall adopt a policy establishing  
9 temperature control standards and guidelines for school district  
10 facilities. The policy shall ensure, to the greatest extent feasible,  
11 that school buildings provide students with a temperature-controlled  
12 environment that is conducive to learning. The policy shall:

13 a. require, in each school building in the district, that a staff  
14 member be designated to monitor compliance with the standards  
15 and initiate permitted corrective measures;

16 b. establish a protocol to follow in instances where classroom  
17 temperatures are identified as being not conducive to learning;

18 c. identify what temperature control measures are permitted in  
19 accordance with local building and fire codes;

20 d. be informed by the temperature standards outlined in  
21 N.J.A.C.12:100-13.3(a)4 of the Indoor Air Quality Standard  
22 established by the Department of Labor and Workforce  
23 Development; and

24 e. require corrective measures be addressed, where feasible, by  
25 action outlined in N.J.A.C.12:100-13.3(a)1 of the Indoor Air  
26 Quality Standard established by the Department of Labor and  
27 Workforce Development.

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29 2. The Department of Education and the Department of Health  
30 shall jointly develop guidance to assist school districts in  
31 establishing and implementing a policy concerning temperature  
32 control.

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34 3. This act shall take effect on July 1 of the school year  
35 following enactment.

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38 STATEMENT

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40 This bill requires each board of education to adopt a policy  
41 establishing temperature control standards and guidelines for school  
42 district facilities. The policy must ensure, to the greatest extent  
43 feasible, that school buildings provide students with a temperature-  
44 controlled environment that is conducive to learning. The policy  
45 must:

46 1) require that a staff member is designated in each school  
47 building in the district to monitor compliance with the standards  
48 and initiate permitted corrective action;

1       2) establish a protocol to follow in instances where classroom  
2 temperatures are identified as being not conducive to learning;

3       3) identify what temperature control measures are permitted in  
4 accordance with local building and fire codes;

5       4) be informed by the Indoor Air Quality Standard established by  
6 the Department of Labor and Workforce Development; and

7       5) require that corrective measures be addressed, where feasible,  
8 by action outlined in the Indoor Air Quality Standard.

9       The bill directs the Department of Education and the Department  
10 of Health to jointly develop guidance to assist school districts in  
11 establishing and implementing a policy concerning temperature  
12 control.